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Moscow anger on eve of airlift

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

AN airlift of emergency food aid for the former Soviet Union begins today against a background of mounting public bitterness highlighted by angry demonstrations at the weekend in Moscow and other Russian cities.

The take-off of today's flight from Frankfurt, the first of at least 54 such missions, will be overseen by James Baker, the American Secretary of State, and the foreign ministers of Germany and Portugal, symbolizing a common US and European commitment to backing the reform process. Yet it remains an open question whether Western aid will suffice to avert the social explosion that was clearly foreshadowed by the latest public meetings in Moscow, which included a stormy congress of Russian nationalists and a march by at least 30,000 communists.

While opponents of Mr Yeltsin denounced him for betraying Russia to the West and decimating the armed forces, tens of thousands of his supporters also rallied in the capital and called for the

are pressing the Home Office to transfer collection

of intelligence on terrorist

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porters of MI5 argue that the police have failed to halt an IRA mainland

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Bill Clinton is still front

runner in the New Hamp-

shire presidential race, but

his opponents believe they

have barely scratched the

surface of his "character

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Algerian alert

Algeria's authorities seem

poised to declare a state of

emergency, after clashes

between Islamic funda-

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Hotspur in the first leg of

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removal of any remaining conservatives from the republic's leadership. Aleksandr Zhitnikov, the Russian aid coordinator, said the airlift, in which 18,000 tonnes of unused Gulf war rations will be transported on Nato aircraft, would be less efficient than

bringing food by road or rail. However, an acknowledgement that Western assis-tance was already having a substantial effect came from Anatoli Sobchak, the mayor of St Petersburg, who has criticized the Russian government's reform programme as excessively harsh.

He said in Brussels at the

weekend that the arrival last month of 4,000 tonnes of meat had calmed the political climate in his city, where no meat had been procured for the previous six weeks. The airlift is designed both as a spectacular symbol of Westem support and a way of getting round the corruption and inefficiency of overland transport which have stranded aid consignments.

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A woman shaking her crutches in the air as she joined others shouting support for President Yeltsin in Moscow yesterday

US threatens to MI5 could tackle IRA abandon Nato The intelligence service, MI5, may take over the role of monitoring the activities of mainland terrorist over trade talks groups such as the IRA. Security service leaders

THE United States, warned Europe last night that the American people's commitment to Nato could be endangered by intransigence in trade talks over agricultural

The first United Kingdom subsidies. Vice-President Dan Quayle trial centring on alleged told the annual security policy conference in Munich that war crimes begins tomorrow, opening with a threeday hearing in Vilnius America intended to link progress on negotiations on before moving to Edin-General Agreement on burgh. A Lithuanian-born Tariffs and Trade with a conman is suing Scottish Teletinued American commitvision over claims he took ment to Nato in Europe. part in second world war

Arguing that a tough EC line on trade would prompt Americans to rethink the need to maintain troops abroad, the vice-president said: "Gatt is absolutely critical to the security of Europe, to the security of the United States and the security of Asia. There are many reasons why we have got to get on with it." There were dangers, he said. "if we have the Cold War behind us and yet no comprehensive understanding of how we start trade

The vice-president was speaking with White House

authority and did his best to sound reassuring about the administration's intentions to stay in Nato. "We understand that isolation is a dead industry," he said. But he sounded more convincing when press-

Despite the American threat. Hans van den Broek. the Dutch foreign minister and immediate past president of the EC's council of



ready to give way easily

ministers, made clear that the community was not ready

Van den Broek: EC not

MEPs seek enquiry

By TONY DAWE

England's World Cup team in Paris last October. was recalled yesterday for the match against the French in Saturday's five nations' championship at Parc des Princes .. Page 30 Forest draw A second-half goal by Teddy Sheringham earned

Members of the Strasbourg parliament have suffered unprecedented pressure to dissuade them from deciding tomorrow to order a blanket ban on such advertising. Many believe the unstinting efforts of the tobacco lobby have emphasised the need for tighter restrictions to prevent elected representatives coming under excessive pressure. MEPs have called for curbs on the work of lobbyists, nov numbering more than 3,000.

lobbyists.

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Nursing a four-year grievance over pay

An advertising campaign hopes to raise nursing's image, yet morale suffers vhile nurses await appeals from a 1988 regrading. **Jeremy Laurance** reports

More than 30,000 nurses are still awaiting deci-sions on their salary levels and job gradings nearly four years after a new pay structure was introduced. Many are owed thousands of pounds in back pay.

At the present rate of progress it will take 100 years to hear all the appeals from murses dissatisfied with the grade they were allocated when the new system was introduced in April 1988. One appeal has already been heard posthumously. It was upheld and the money paid into the muse's estate.

The Royal College of Nursing says the delays have damaged morale and caused distress and disruption at a time when there is growing concern about the looming shortige of nurses. This week the health department is extending its present £2.6 million advertising campaign to im-prove the image of nursing cause it fears that demo graphic trends will lead to long-term difficulties in recruiting staff.

Doger Sims, the Conserva-Trive MP for Chiselhurst, who is backing a private member's bill to enable nurses to prescribe drugs, said he would consider raising the matter in the Commons. "I am very concerned at these figures. It quite obviously needs a minister to

break this logjam." All nurses were put into one of nine salary grades in 1988 as part of a controversial restructuring agreement designed to match pay more closely to skills and responsibility. But many were furious at the low grade they were allocated and 120,000, or 30 per cent of the workforce, have appealed.

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as consumers

By Sheila Gunn and Nicholas Wood

IOHN Major sounded an optimistic note about Britain's economic prospects yeserday, insisting that the ingredients were in place for coming out of recession. He said that the economy was beginning to show signs of recovery in some of the latest production figures and other

statistics. Mr Major's cautious foretions of a small boost in consumer confidence, but not by a CBI survey of small firms, which showed more pessimism about the econo-

my than four months ago. Infolink, the independent credit information agency, reported that demand for credit in the retail sector was 8.1 per cent higher than in December 1990. There was also a rise in demand for home

loans after the government's announcement of a temporary lifting of stamp duty. Unemployment figures to e published on Thursday are

expected to show the 22nd consecutive monthly rise, with a headline figure of near-2.6 million. The increase looks certain to be highest in the South, which could account for up to half of Janu-With ministers privately admitting that consumer confidence is unlikely to rise

substantially before polling day, the Cabinet will discuss a confidence-boosting, tax-cutting Budget on Thursday. Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, is expected to disclose that he is preparing to give away up to E3 billion in tax cuts, including a 1p cut in the standard rate of income tax and the raising of thresholds.

The government will announce today pay increases for teachers, nurses and other public sector staff of between 6 and 8 per cent, in line with the recommendations of the pay review bodies.

Meanwhile, Mr Major and Chris Patten, Conservative party chairman, targeted Labour's economic programme yesterday, saying that it threatened the chances

Major hopeful start spending

of an economic recovery. Mr Major, in a radio interview. said that under a Labour government there would be a perpetual recession and decline". Mr Patten told the Young Conservatives' conference in Eastbourne that Labour's economic proposals would consign Britain to con-

tinued recession.

Mr Major refused to prerecovery, but said that the omens appeared good. "It will vary from industry to industry, but I believe the ingredients are now in place to come out of recession," he said. "The exchange rate is stable, inflation is low, a large part of the debt people had has now been liquidated, the savings level has increased for companies and individuals, and the capacity to reinvest and move our economy out of recession is obviously there."

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masterpiece was restored to grace Life & Times Page 1

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Patrick Ortlieb takes gold at Val d'Isère - and the organisers by surprise Page 30

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THE ENERGY TO SUCCEED

on tobacco lobbyists

A LOBBYING campaign costing millions of pounds and aimed at swaving tomorrow's European parliament has prompted M EPs to investigate the entire subject of professional lobbying.

including setting up havens in which elected representatives can be spared unwelcome pestering. Among other proposals suggested is the registration of professional

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Richard Luger, a Republi-

can senator from Indiana,

to give way easily. The Ameri-

cans were at least as guilty of protectionism, he said, while

Europe had five times as

many restless farmers to deal

with. "To say 'Agree on Gatt

the way for us to deal with

William Cohen, a Republi-

can senator from Maine, had

first raised the issue. After

hearing European experts in-

sist that experience showed

America had to be involved in

Europe, he replied bluntly:

"The lamps of history are being extinguished by the winds of recession." States-

men were revered by histori-

ans but rejected by voters and

everyone should remember

that an election campaign

was now under way in

Union, there is a popular view

in the United States that

Nato is no longer relevant or

affordable. 'America first' is

being heard from both right

and left and many people

would like to retreat into a

continental cocoon and zip

James Woolsey, who led the

American side in the Conven-

tional Forces in Europe nego-

tiations, said that although

the America-first cry was

being heard again it was not

dominant. Europeans had to ask what they must do "to

keep us involved in Europe".

Nato did not need enemies to

hold it together but it did

need its members to be

friends. Common agricultur-

al policy subsidies, unfair help for the European aircraft

industry and attempts to limit

the export of American films

to Europe, were all political

matters which threatened US

commitment to Nato.

out the rest of the world."

Now there is no Soviet

America.

each other," he said angrily.

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Paris targets London's mastery of art sales

By Sarah Jane Checkland SALEROOM CORRESPONDENT

THE Paris auction houses are planning to undercut their London counterparts by charging a 9 per cent buyer's premium, against 10 per cent in Britain. The move has been condemned as the latest dirty trick in a battle for supremacy of the European

art market. London is now the master, commanding an estimated 75 per cent of art sold at auction in Europe, contributing El billion annually to the Treasury. Its lead is built on a combination of tradition and trade advantages that will be either abolished or levelled with the rest of Europe on the arrival of 1993. Those include value-added tax being charged on the auctioneer's commission rather than the hammer price, and a laisser-faire export system for heritage items. In

crippled by taxes and import-export restrictions. The fact that only commissaires priseurs or state-appointed auctioneers are allowed to hold auctions has been seen as a further dampener. There is also the droite de suite, whereby a 3 per cent royalty is paid to artists or their descendants every time a work is

In spite of a robust improvement in its performance over the past five years, Paris lags far behind London. Now, however, there are signs that a newly aggressive Paris may turn some of these restrictions to its advantage. Arguably it has justice on its side, for London and New York have for long made millions out of France's most lucrative art export -Impressionism - while France has made hardly a penny. London may have its tradition of trading, but Par-

comparison, the French market is is has a tradition, its auctioneers say. There are problems with the free movement of works of art in France." of actually liking art. After the announcement about the

new commission rate last week. Sotheby's in London complained about the restrictive system in France. That market, Sotheby's said, "remains closed to anyone who is not part of the commissaire priseur system". Sotheby's considers the impediments for a non-French auction house incompatible with a free market. Sotheby's added: "According to the views of the European Commission and the European Court of Justice, works of art are to be regarded as goods like any other goods and therefore subject to the articles of the Treaty of Rome calling for the remov-

al of obstacles to trade. On the auctioneers' monopoly. François Curiel, Christie's deputy chairman, complained that "no for-

eigners have ever passed the exams.

ain's advantages is under way in Europe. A report in the magazine Country Life quotes the Paris auc-tioneer Antoine Ader of Ader Tajan as saying "Great Britain is too privi-

Lobbying for the removal of Brit-

leged ... if I worked in the same conditions as the English, I think I could do better." Count Peter Eltz, of the Berlin salerooms Villa Grisebach, said: "If London loses its preferential status it will decline as an auctioneering centre, because, unlike us, its home market is so weak."

Anthony Browne, a Christie's director, said last night that members of the British art market were lobbying strongly for the British VAT system eventually to apply to all Europe.

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Paddy Ashdown strives to put toughest week behind him



Ashdown: denies that he has exploited family

PADDY Ashdown yesterday played down the sharp rise in his personal poll rating as saying more about the decency and generosity of the British people than about himself.

As he tried to shift the spotlight from his admission of an affair with his former secretary and back to politics, the Liberal Democrat leader said that after the "toughest week" of his life and his family's life, it was back to business. The proportion of voters believ-

ing that Mr Ashdown would do well as prime minister has risen in the past month from 34 per cent to per cent, according to a NOP/Independent on Sunday poll conducted after his statement. The Liberal Democrats' standing also rose, from 13 per cent to 15 per cent, sustaining the belief in the Tory and Labour camps that

The Liberal Democrat leader attributes his rise in popularity to the kindness of the public as he gets back to normal politics, Sheila Gunn writes

the Liberal Democrat vote may have been underestimated in earlier polls. The voting intentions survey (with last month's figures in brackets) put Conservatives at 38 (40); Labour at 42 (43); Liberal Democrats at 15 (13); and others at 4 (4). Taken with other recent polls, the two main parties appear to be neck and neck.

Interviewed on LBC's News Talk programme yesterday about his poll ratings. Mr Ashdown replied: "It says more about the British people than it says about me. It says a great deal about their inherent generosity and their understanding of these matters, an understanding which perhaps

runs ahead of the understanding of the press about the importance and relative status of these things." Mr Ashdown denied using his

family as a "political weapon", insisting that it was the press and television programmes that created the image. He said: "They came along and said 'Can we do your family? It is a bit ridiculous that the newspapers who put in these offers and wanted to do them should set me up and knock me down. I have never pretended life was straightforward or easy. I have: never stood on a platform and: shouted about private morality. I have strong views about public morality." He said that he and his wife. Jane, had tried to keep their children out of any publicity. "You may argue that the private

lives of a public figure are a matter of public interest," Mr Ashdown said. "I do not personally think they are, but I will never vote for a privacy bill. I believe my private life is not a matter for public report and will not comment on it except when I am out in a position where

it is interfering with my job." Mr Ashdown said that if the press was prepared to use information from a document criminally obtained, there was nothing to protect any kind of privacy. He argued that there was a fundamental difference between a leaked document relating to a matter of public policy and a stolen one obtained from a break-in. relating to a person's private life. The man charged with the theft

Paddy Ashdown's solicitors yesterday said that some official records that list him as dead were the result of a computer error (Alison

Roberts writes). Simon Berkowitz denied attempting to change his name. He said: "I think it must be a computer mistake. I don't know why they have got that down."

The Sunday Times claimed that there was no record of Simon Leo Berkowitz, the name given by the man charged on Friday, in national insurance files, and that a Simon Berkowitz, also of Sussex and with the same date of birth, was shown to have died on January I, 1988.

The social security department yesterday refused to confirm or deny the newspaper's claim. A spokesman said: "These are confi-

of documents from the office of dential records. Information can only be given out on the request of the person concerned, therefore I think you will have to treat the information with some scepticism."

When a man dies, his national insurance records are kept on computer for the benefit of dependents he may leave. The department records a contributor's death if a relative informs it when benefit cards are handed in. Otherwise, the Registrar General's office automatically tells the department of deaths. In both cases, a death cert-

ificate is needed as confirmation. Mr Berkowitz is accused of burgling the offices of Bates. Wells & Braithwaite, taking £248 and documents.

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Police fight MI5 over bigger role

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE are opposing a Yard's special branch and proposition that the Home Office transfer the collection of mainland terrorist intelligence on the operations of groups including the IRA from police units to MI5. Police regard the proposal by security service chiefs as poaching by MIS.

MIS already has a key role

in anti-terrorist work in Northern Ireland, where officials have been operating since the 1970s alongside the RUC and the army. The security service has also mounted operations in Europe against the IRA. Now, it is arguing that M15 should take over the lead role in mainland intelligence work, currently led by Scotland

anti-terrorist branch.
The question of MI5's workload is being studied by a Home Office review led by Ian Burns, head of the police department and a former senior official at the Northern Ireland office. The review is the second in recent years into the question of MI5's

The possibility of expanding the MI5 role is being urged by Stella Rimington, the new head of the Security Service, at a time when MI5 is trying to find new tasks for itself as the cold war and the threat of communist espionage or subversion is declining.
Supporters of MI5 have

Ulster war claim rejected by Major

THE prime minister yesterday told the people of Northern Ireland he did not believe that the province was slipping into a state of civil war.

In an article written for in unequivocal signal to the he Sunday Life newspaper paramilitaries that the bublished in Belfast, John democratic process was determined to defeat "those facethe Sunday Life newspaper published in Belfast, John Major noted claims by some unionist politicians that the recent upsurge in killing amounted to a slide into anar-

chy or civil war. Tragic though the last few weeks have been, I do not believe that is the case," Mr Major said. "I know the vast majority of people in Northern Ireland totally reject the prospect of more inter-community strife.

The fact that Mr Major accepted an invitation from Sunday Life's editors to address its readers is an indication of concern in Downing Street at flagging morale in Northern Ireland in the wake of three mass murders in a month and a death toll of 26. Mr Major underlined the

goverment's commitment to bringing the violence to an end. "I want to restate here and now that the government has done — and will continue to do - everything it can to make sure [the security forces] have the resources they need to carry out their vital task."

He said the meeting he is due to hold tomorrow with the four constitutional party leaders to discuss further security options would send an

less unelected few whose aim is to destroy our way of life". The meeting can be expected to discuss calls for intern-ment from the Ulster Unionist party, and for the banning of Sinn Fein, curfews in republican areas and the creation of a part time militia, from the Democratic

Unionist party.

There may be discussion of banning the Ulster Defence Association and other, less dramatic, measures such as extending control zones where parking is restricted in Belfast and other towns, deploying more regular troops from the mainland on a permanent basis and increasing the use of surveillance on

public buildings. With an election due shortly there is thought to be little prospect of Mr Major taking a dramatic initiative on security in Northern Ireland. He is more likely to opt for gradual changes to the existing

ALL-IN-CAR FARES FROM

argued that the police, devoid of good intelligence, have failed to halt an IRA mainland campaign that has now been running since 1988 and included the Deal bombing and the attack on Downing Street last year. MI5 would be adopting a role that equivalent agencies abroad have already taken up, and offici-als might argue that even their old foes in the KGB are now turning towards combating terrorism and even

international crime. MI5 is not thought to be interested in trying to take up a role in serious crime such as drug trafficking, although, in Washington, intelligence analysts watching the end of the cold war have spoken about turning their skills to combating drug trafficking.

The MI5 bid has emerged as the Yard's section of Special Branch is facing an uncertain future as counter-espionage work diminishes and VIP protection duties pass to a new Yard unit. Special Branch was formed in the 19th century to combat violent Irish Republican groups and then took on wider roles against subversion, espionage and general terror-ism. Its Irish desk has been in operation since the 1880s.

Police opponents of any increase in MI5's duties would point out that there is no public accountability and that the way MI5 works has tion in recent years with the revelations of former agents. The furore over the army's use of informers in Belfast in the Nelson case might also be argued as another reason for treading carefully in expanding the MI5 role.

At the moment, the intelli-

gence community meets across the table at regular sittings of a joint intelligence committee that includes senior police officers as well as representatives of MI5 and MI6. MI5 officials are likely to argue that the centralising of intelligence analysis in Northern Ireland has worked well, but opponents might point to considerble feuding between the various components of the intelligence community in Northern Ireland in spite of the appointment of an MI5 official to oversee the



Conservatives' conference in Eastbourne yesterday, in which he forecast economic recovery. Major optimistic, page 1; Humbug warning, page 16

Lang rules out any move to devolution

BY SHELLA GUNN

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT IAN Lang, the Scottish secretary, firmly ruled out yester-day any possibility of self-government for Scotland. while accusing the other parties of jeopardising the union. John Major will be repeat-

ing that message when he visits Scotland soon. The prime minister has ordered his Scottish troops to stop fuelling speculation that the Tories were prepared to soften their line against devo-lution. He has insisted that they must fight the general election under the banner of the union.

Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, will deliver a similar message in a visit to northeast Scotland early next month.

When Mr Lang was challenged during a televised interview about support for a referendum from Lord Sanderson, the Scottish party chairman, he refused to rule it out, but said he did not see

any need for one.
With the Tories relegated to the third party in Scotland, Mr Major is intent on salvaging their fortunes by present ing voters with a clear choice between the pro-union Conservatives and the SNP. In this way he hopes to squeez out Labour and the Liberal

Mr Major also plans to detail the costs to Scottish taxpayers of the Scottish posals. He is said by a government source to be concerned that the Scots "have been told the prize but certainly not the

Labour is ready to go further towards devolving powers to the Scots by promsing that a Scottish parliament should have the powers to dictate training and indus-

Man held after gun hijacking

Police sealed off part of Telford in Shropshire on Sat-urday night after a gunnan fired two shots through the window of a house and then hijacked three cars during a 60 mile drive (Peter Victor

Officers were called to a house in Madeley, Telford, after the shooting incident. As they sealed off the area, a man with a shotgun was seen hailing a taxi. The taxi driver was ordered to drive 30 miles to Ludlow, where the gunman hijacked a private car. The car was dumped in another part of Ludlow, where the gunman stopped a third car and forced the driver to take him back to

He then walked to a house in Sutton Hill in Telford. where a relative persuaded him to give himself up. A man aged 33 is helping police with

Girl killed in pony accident A child died after being

dragged down a farm track in her pushchair by a pony. A strap on the pony's blanket apparently caught the handle of the buggy in which Eliza-beth Jade Hirons, aged two, of Hull, was sitting. She suffered multiple injuries and was deat on arrival a hospital.

Her sister, Maria, aged six, who was riding the pony, was flung to the ground as it botted. She suffered cuts and farm in Wawne, near Hull, where she rides the pony

Youths accused after train crash

Four youths have been accused of criminal damage after an InterCity train carrying 500 passengers hit a pile of metal debris placed on the line. The youths, aged be-tween 13 and 16, will also be accused of unlawfully ob-structing the railway when they appear before a juvenile

The engine and leading coach were extensively damaged when the Paddington to Swansea express, travelling at 50mph, hit steel bars and pipework near Skewen. West Glamorgan, on Friday night. Nobody was injured.

Couple killed

A couple died and four people, including their two children, were injured when two cars and a van collided on the A710 near Beeswing, eight miles from Dumfries, last night. The four injured were undergoing emergency treatment at Dumfries Hos-pital. One of them, a man, was said to be "critical". The van driver was trapped in a water-filled ditch for an hour before firemen cut him free.

CORRECTION The correct title of Michael Stevenson's new appoint ment, reported on Saturday,

is Secretary of the BBC.

Whitehall 'biased towards the right'

By Douglas Broom LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

A LABOUR government would expect resistance to its policies from senior civil servants loyal to the Conserva-tives, David Blunkett, the party's local government spokesman, said yesterday.

The environment department in particular was "rid-dled with Tories" at senior levels, Mr Blunkett told a fringe meeting at the Labour local government conference in Blackpool. "They are place men. People have been given preferment because they were avid Thatcherites."

Mr Blunkett accused Michael Heseltine, the envi-ronment secretary, of attempting to rush through before the election the appointment of a new permanent secretary to replace Sir Terence Heiser.

Mr Blunkett said that Sir

Terence was due to step down this month and that Mr Heseltine was "intent on imposing his successor before we get into office. No ordinary, normal individual, when there is an election at the beginning of April or May, would deliberately rush through the appointment of the head of the civil service in a department in order to constrain their successor," he

Jack Straw, the party's education spokesman, told the conference that by forcing schools to ask for contributions from parents the Con-servatives had imposed a "parent tax". He promised that Labour would abolish city technology colleges and divert funding to provide essential equipment in the classroom.

with doctrine' BY OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT JOHN Major is "more ex- been the victims of the govtreme, more prejudiced and more obsessed with doctrinal prejudices" than his predecessor, Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, told

Tories 'obsessed

esterday.
Mr Hattersley said that the Conservatives were bent on privatising public services from education to the police. John Major's government has been even more ... destructive to the national welfare than the Thatcher government."

the party's local government

conference in Blackpool

He condemned the grow ing use of private security firms "dressed in uniforms indistinguishable from those of the police and willing to provide cut price security The 11 Royal Marine bandsmen killed in the Deal barracks bombing in 1989 had .

ernment's obsession with privatisation. He said that security at their base had been put in the hands of a private firm that had failed to do the job. Mr Hattersley promised

that under Labour all private security firms would have to be licensed and their activities would be restricted. "Most of them are incompetent, many of them are corrupt and some are run by known criminals," Mr Hattersley said. "Let them transport payroll cash, let them patrol building sites, but they cannot in any sense replace the police."

In a speech concluding the conference, Mr Hattersley said that in 13 years of "ruthless individualism" the poor, the elderly and the disadvantaged had been sacrificed to Conservative political dogma.

Here is the news at half ten . . . or maybe not

BY MEUNDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

NEWS at Ten could become the News at Eight or even the News at Half Ten next year if ITV executives bow to commercial pressures and clear peak-time schedules for popular dramas and blockbuster films.

Some ITV companies, including Central and Yorkshire, have recommended that the network considers moving ITN's flagship news programme to 7pm or 8pm to avoid. irritating viewers wanting to watch films uninterrupted by a half-hour news break. This, they think, could stop viewers from switching to satellite channels while also maximising

revenue by attracting a larger audi-think hard before moving it." ence than News at Ten's current 7.5 million.

Others worry that moving the news might reduce advertising revenue by millions of pounds, as the News at Ten slot attracts the highest proportion of up-market viewers at any time in the ITV schedule. News at Ten's main advertising break is worth £80 million a year to ITV.

David Mannion, editor of ITN for ITV, said: "ITN regards the current debates about the scheduling of News at Ten as perfectly legitimate. But we also believe that quality news is a money-maker on LTV. News at Ten has the strongest brand name of any. London and the South-East. News at

Advertisers believe a move to 7pm would spell disaster. "It would be sheer insanity," according to Christine Walker, chief executive of Zenith Media, the advertising air time agency. "The people who want News at Ten are not available to view at 7pm and those who do watch tele-

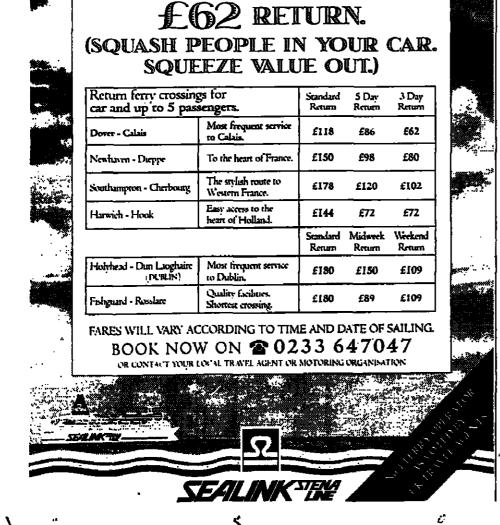
vision at 7pm will be watching soaps. The BBC would nab the audience and ITV would have a hard time winning it back." ITV companies such as Carlton, Anglia and Meridian would also be

kurt by a move to 7pm, as people get home much later from work in news programme. ITV will have to Eight would get a bigger AB audi-

ence, but there is still a question whether it would achieve ratings as high as News at Ten.

Audiences for BBC 2's Newsnight at 10.30pm have declined over the past several years, with ITN's Channel 4 News at 7pm overtaking it in ratings for the first time recently. Both attract much smaller audiences than the BBC's Nine O'Clock News at 6.79 million and News at Ten at 7.5 million,

Dick Emery, ITN's commercial director who is conducting research on possible moves, said: "It is hardly a straightforward matter. There are swings and roundabouts, but at issue is how ITV can maintain its up-market audience."



Abduction victim returns home

Ransom man urges kidnapper to give up

KEVIN Watts, the estate agent who delivered the ransom that led to the release of Stephanie Slater, called on her kidnapper yesterday to give himself up as Miss Slater returned home for the first time since her ordeal.

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At a press conference yesterday, Miss Slater, aged 25. looked happy and relaxed. She said that she was well and that it was wonderful to be home with her parents at their home in Great Barr, Birmingham. Mr Watts, by contrast, looked pale and said that he was not feeling well and had not yet returned to work.

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He said that thoughts of the kidnapper made him angry. Sitting beside his wife, Julie, he said: "I have not broken down or felt a great deal but, as time goes by. I am getting more angry. I still have not really got over

He said that he left to deliver the £175,000 ransom in a confident frame of mind, which left him as he came to the bridleway in South Yorkshire where the cash was handed over. "By the time I was halfway down the bridlepath, he was in control of my mind, my thoughts and my life," he said. "When I reached the safety of the main road after the drop, I had no idea what praised Miss Slater, saying: 'I think she is a remarkable person to go through what she has been through. She is

Miss Slater had been receiving counselling at the Priory Hospital, Edgbaston, Birmingham.since her release on January 28. Yesterday, she accepted a huge bouquet of flowers from the police and a note saying: "Best wishes and welcome home." She said: "I still cannot say much at the moment but I feel quite well. I am glad it is all over."

West Midlands police said that Miss Slater had finished her debriefing but still had further statements to



Watts: anger towards

make. Det Supt Mick Williams, the senior investigating officer, said that police were getting closer to finding out where Miss Slater was held during the eightday kidnapping. It is be-

lieved that she was kept in a large metal tank inside a barn. Although blindfolded, Miss Slater said she thought that it was a rainwater butt or a freight container. Lynn Dart, the mother of

Julie Dart, the murdered teenager whose killing is being linked with the kidnapping, said yesterday that she wanted to meet Miss Slater. Mrs Dart, aged 38. told BBC Radio Leeds that Miss Slater was a form of link to her murdered daugh ter. "She has been in the position Julie was in before she was actually killed and I'd like to know how he treated her. Was he gentle with her, was he rough with her? Did he bind her, did he

"Did she know she was going to be killed at the end of her kidnapping, or did she think she'd be let go? Was she blindfolded, because she hated that. Was she tied up — she wouldn't be able to stand that.

like to know if Julie suffered.

"It's little things like that I want to know and maybe Stephanie can tell me," she



Happy and relaxed: Miss Slater with her cat, Pipkin, at her home yesterday

DNA test revives **Blakelock** enquiry

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE hunt for the murderers of Keith Blakelock, the police constable hacked to death in the Broadwater Farm riot in 1985, is to be revived after an important advance in genetic fingerprinting techniques.

Scotland Yard confirmed

esterday that a team of 18 detectives would re-interview vitnesses from the original investigation, and that scientific evidence would be reexamined. The re-examination will centre on the overalls worn by PC Blakelock, aged 40, and on the weapons recovered by police after the murder, in Tottenham, north London.

The flame-proof overalls, punctured by more than 40 stab holes, are to be subjected to a new high-speed test for DNA readings to try to establish genetic profiles of the mob that attacked the un-

The DNA readings will be matched against those obtained from the weapons and from PC Blakelock's body. The matching will enable police to identify which weapons were used and to build profiles of who handled them. It is estimated that up to 30 people were involved in the killing.

The revival of the investigation was ordered by Sir Peter Imbert, Metropolitan police commissioner, after the murder convictions of Winston Silcott, Mark Braithwaite and Engin Raghip were quashed by the appeal court.

CBI wants more pupil contact with firms

HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

SCHOOLS still do not work closely enough with firms in spite of a big increase in contact over the past five years, says a Confederation of British Industry report to be

published this week. A CBI survey shows that 78 per cent of education authorities now have formal agree ments between firms and at least some schools, compared with only 4 per cent in 1987.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development says Britain leads Europe in the degree of contact between education and business. But the CBI believes that the process stops short of the integration needed to have a significant impact. The report, Education Business Partnerships, recommends that firms should be involved in the teaching and assessment of all subjects.

 Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, was urged yesterday to take control of an east London opted-out school torn by a dispute between teachers and governors.

After police were called in on Friday for a second time, Nigel de Gruchy, leader of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers', said the situation at Stratford grant maintained school was "vir-

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Nurse 'humiliated' by new grade

Jeremy Laurance talks to two experienced nurses about their sense of injustice over the reorganised clinical grading system

HUMILIATION pushed Ann Coombs into turning her back on the national health service. Aged 48, she had spent 29 years as a nurse, the last 20 of them as a night sister at Dulwich Hospital. south London, until she resigned last April.

told to hand back her sister's uniform after losing the first stage of her appeal against the downgrading of her job to staff nurse level, under the clinical grading system intro-duced in April 1988. "I protested. I had had the sister's uniform for 20 years and I didn't feel like giving it up," she said. "But it had no effect.

So I resigned." Ms Coombs now works part-time for British Gas in occupational health. "I'm earning a lot less but, because of the appreciation of what I do, I am thoroughly enjoying it." she said. "I loved working for the NHS because I really believe in it as an institution. But I could not stay with it."

According to the Royal College of Nursing, the appeals process has failed to rectify many of the anomalies



Wright: lost appeal but colleagues upgraded

exercise. "In one hospital nine cases were conceded, and the nurses upgraded, but 20 more were rejected even though they were doing virtually identical jobs." Phil Gray,

Sheila Wright, aged 59, a surse at Famborough Hospi-, tal, Surrey, for 40 years, was given an F grade along with most night sisters, one level below the G awarded to most day sisters. "It created uproar because we had all been doing the same job." she said.

As the most senior nurse in her department, Ms Wright was first to reach a regional appeal in October 1990. She was turned down, but a year later two of her colleagues were upgraded. "It is dis-graceful," she said. "We feel degraded, that is the word."

Mr Gray said that many nurses who "meandered through the appeals system" were left with a strong sense of injustice. "What is worrying is that there doesn't seem to be any sign of a real willingness to find a way of re-

Gradings row, page



Coombs: quit when told to hand back uniform

Ministers to climb down over asylum aid

By Frances GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government is expected this week to back down over proposals to withdraw legal aid advice from immigrants director of labour relations,:

and asylum-seekers.

Strong opposition to the proposals had already forced ministers to say that they would not proceed with the proposals until satisfactory alternative arrangements were in place.

However, the United Kingdom Immigrants' Advisory Service, which the govern-ment hoped would take over from solicitors the job of advising immigrants and asylum seekers, has steadfastly opposed the plan. No details have been published in the seven months since it was announced and ministers are now expected to announce an indefinite delay.

A shift by the government over the proposals, which have been auracted criticism from throughout the legal profession, might help passage of its Asylum Bill, which comes before the Lords for second reading today.

The bill has also has been widely criticised. In a briefing paper today the Law Society says the proposals will result in genuine asylum-seekers being returned to their countries to face possible imprisonment, tomure or death.

Under the bill, asylumseekers who want to appeal against a refusal of refugee status will have to seek leave to appeal. That means that many asylum-seekers will lose their present right to appeal and will have fewer rights than any other appellants, according to the society. It says that the lack of oral

hearines for leave to appeal against decisions will deprive many of the chance to present their case at the vital point of entry to the appeals system.

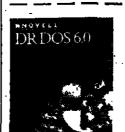
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Police fight church pillage

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

POLICE forces throughout Britain are arranging seminars with church insurance companies to help clergy to safeguard church property. According to the Ecclesi-

astical Insurance Group. which insures more than 95 per cent of Anglican churches, much of the property stolen from churches ends up abroad. Some goods go to South America, where it is fashionable to have a medieval font or eagle lectern in one's hall. German collectors like medieval oak carvings. Plate of-ten goes to the Continent.

Clergy at the next seminar, in Gloucester in March, will hear how church relics worth millions of pounds are being stolen throughout Britain. The thieves show

little respect for religious tradition, the dead or the living in stealing to satisfy the demands of overseas collectors.

Organised gangs take gold and silver plate, paintings, altars, fonts, stained glass windows and even ancient door looks. In recent months, silver

plate has been stolen from a Norfolk church, a half-ton cherub has been stolen from St Botolph's in the City of London, and a Jacobean altar and a medieval vestment chest have been taken at Pleshey. Essex. A monumental brass of Henry Par-is, who died in 1427, was stolen from Hildersham.

Cambridgeshire, last June.

Leslie Smith, of the Mon-

umental Brass Society, be-

lieves that some thefts are done to order, but said that constant vigilance was needed to deter opportunists. "From the 13th century to the 18th, monuments to the dead were one of the most important expressions of English art. Their loss is as serious as the theft of any major exhibit from one of

The Roman Catholic weekly The Universe says that half Britain's churches may be vandalised, broken into or set on fire this year. Jim Scott, of the Ecclesi-

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astical Insurance Group, said: "This is our national heritage that is being stolen, and every item that goes missing means the

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Judge to hear Lithuanian witnesses

UK court sits abroad on war crimes denial

A UNITED Kingdom trial which centres on alleged war crimes begins tomorrow, opening with a three-day hearing in Vilnius before moving to Edinburgh. A Lithuanian-born man is suing Scottish Television over claims that he took part in atrocities during the second

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arted."

The Court of Session, Scotland's supreme civil court. has been granted permission to sit in Vilnius to allow three elderly Lithuanian witnesses to testify in the defamation action brought by Anton Gecas, aged 75. Scottish Television request-

ed that the action should start in Lithuania because the three were either unwilling or too frail to travel to Scotland. It will be the first time that a Scottish court has sat in a

foreign country.

Mr Gecas, who arrived in Britain shortly after the war, lives in Edinburgh. He is suing the company over the programme Crimes of War, screened in 1987 and repeated two years later, in which it was alleged that he took part in the mass killing of civilians in Lithuania and Belorussia during the war while serving with a Lithuanian police battalion. He has denied the

Today, Lord Milligan, the judge, accompanied by senior and junior counsel for both parties, court officials and shorthand writers, will arrive in Vilnius via Vienna and

A television company is being sued over

allegations of mass murder. Kerry Gill reports from Vilnius

class area of Edinburgh.

The hearing has attracted in-

terest in countries including Germany, the United States and Australia

Lithuania's Jewish popula-

tion was virtually wiped out

after German forces occupied

the country in June 1941.

More than 170,000 Jews had

been killed by the end of the

establish what is effectively a Scottish courtroom in the country's own supreme court, which at one time served as a hospital. The cost of the whole operation is being borne by Scottish Television and is expected to cost more than £20,000.

The three witnesses will be brought to Vilnius, two of them from Kaunas, the country's second city and Lithuania's capital during the 20 years before 1940 when Vilnius was in the hands of the Poles. All three served in the 12th Lithuanian police battalion in which, it is alleged. Mr Gecas was an officer at the time of the mass murder.

The witnesses are expected to give their evidence which will be translated before being relayed back to Mr Gecas's lawyers in Edinburgh who will, after consultations with their client, offer replies to the testimonies. The court may visit sites where the alleged atrocities took place.

The Lithuanians were keen to accommodate the Scottish court's request "to show that they were fair people", one source said.

Mr Gecas, a retired mining engineer, was one of thou-



Mythical monster: a dancing dragon entertaining the crowds that gathered in Leicester Square, London, yesterday for celebrations marking the Chinese new year. This is the year of the monkey

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Iceman reveals his age

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA

A MAN whose frozen body was found near the Austrian-Italian border last September died before the Bronze Age. carbon dating tests at Oxford University have shown.

Rupert Housley. of Oxford's archaeological research laboratory, said that analysis of tiny fragments of tissue had confirmed the results of research into artefacts discovered around the corpse. These suggested that the man froze to death between 5,000 and 5,500

Mr Housley said: "The margin of error in this case is less than 1 per cent."

The Oxford team used a carbon dating method called accelerator mass spectrometry which was also used to analyse the Turin shroud.

Stuart Needham, of the British Museum, said: "All the indications are that this is

a stunning find. "We've captured a man in a time-capsule, going about his everyday life — the sort of information we rarely get."

The iceman speaks, page 12

Railways enjoy a change of fortune

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

ONE hundred and seventy railway stations have been opened, reopened or relocated during the past ten years. The number of new stations exceeds that added to

any decade this century. In spite of the widespread belief that the railways have been in decline since the Beeching era, rail travel has been experiencing a period of modest but steady expansion, which is expected to acceler-

ate in the 1990s.

Nevertheless, the railways will never recover from the trauma unleashed by Dr Beeching, who presided over a cut in the number of railway stations from 5,000 in 1958 to 2,500 in 1968. The number reached a low of 2,358 in 1978, but has since been increasing steadily, and now stands at 2.472. The reversal in the fortunes of the railways can be attributed to a series of



unrelated influences, including parliamentary initiative. local authority foresight and more enlighted planning. All those have combined to create a framework for expan-sion unimaginable barely a decade ago.

An amendment to the 1962 Transport Act, sponsored in 1981 by Tony Speller, the Conservative MP for North Devon, conferred on British Rail the power to experiment. Previously, stations could only be closed after the protracted and expensive clo-

sure procedure. The Speller amendment enabled British Rail to reopen stations on a trial basis, and shut them on six weeks notice if they were not commercially viable.

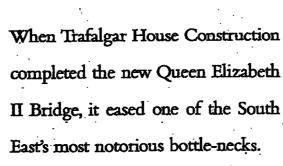
The first station to be opened under the Speller amendment was Pinhoe near Exeter in 1983 — a station that had fallen under the Beeching axe in 1966. Since then, more than 50 stations have been re-opened, many of which are generating vol-umes of passengers and revenues far beyond the levels

anticipated. To date, only one of the reopened stations — Corby in Northamptonshire — has been closed because it was a commercial failure.

In addition to the opening of profitable stations, a partnership between British Rail and local authorities has resulted in the opening of more than 100 others to help to stimulate rail travel and relieve road traffic congestion.

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A 'ferocious' campaign to influence tomorrow's vote on tobacco advertising has led to calls for controls

EC reels from assault by tobacco lobby

THE biggest army of highly paid parliamentary lobbyists ever mustered will be hanging on the result of a vote in Strasbourg tomorrow to see if the millions of pounds they have spent have swayed the democratic process.

They are part of what has been called the most ferocious lobbying campaign seen in Europe and their aim has been to deter the European parliament from imposing a blanket ban on tobacco advertising. Between them they have used virtually every lobbying ploy, including offering free trips and free meals to members of the parliament and bombarding them with briefings and information nacks.

Since the parliament was inaugurated, the number of lobbyists has grown from one Belgian representing Shell to more than 3,000 representing a thousand causes. Armed with passes which give them ready access to the parliament's corridors in Brussels and Strasbourg, they have harassed members at every opportunity. Desperate to discover what was being proposed at an early stage of the tobacco legislation, some lobbyists walked off with all the draft documents set out in readiness for a committee meeting.

meeting.

Lobbyists have become such a nuisance that MEPs are demanding havens where they can work in peace, tightened security barring access to unwelcome lobbyists, a register enabling them to identify lobbyists and whom they represent, and a code of conduct with powers to bar those found guilty of breaking the rules.

Lobbying was described as
"a noble calling" by Daniel
Gueguen, of the European
sugar manufacturer, when
representatives of 50 interest
groups were invited to attend
a public hearing of the parliament's rules committee last
month to discuss the controls.
But he did admit that some
used their influence "at restaurants and hunting parties,
on the golf course and even by

reports on fears of abuse by an army of political persuaders and, right, meets a

leading exponent

direct payments". Marc Galle, the Belgian Socialist MEP heading the investigation into lobbying, said: "There is a real risk of abuses and we might even see the democratic decision-making process encroached upon."

Nicholas Phillips, regarded as the doyen of British lobbyists in Brussels, said: "The fear of a scandal undoubtedly underlies the decision of MEPs to look at lobbying."

Tom Spencer, the Conservative member for West Surrey, earned angry rebukes when he claimed that his efforts to persuade the agriculture committee to meet in public had failed because some members did not relish the idea of their perfomances being judged by the interest groups they had promised to represent.

The tobacco lobby played

little part in the hearing but, according to Mr Phillips, is ever present in the parliament. It is led by such as John Lepere and Catherine de Vallois of the Confederation of EC Cigarette Manufacturers, Peter Anderson of Britain's Tobacco Advisory Council, Lionel Stanbrook, European affairs director of the Advertising Association, and David Pollock, representing newspaper and magazine publishers. Philip Morris, the iant American food and tobacco company, has a dozen Euro-lobbyists based in Brussels and even small pipe manufacturers have a man to argue their corner.

None will discuss budgets, but it is safe to say they run into many millions of pounds, which is in addition to the money spent on national advertising campaigns. Independent consultants charge at least £100 an hour and a

company would expect to earn £50,000 a year in fees from each of its main clients.

The tobacco lobby has already stalled the advertising ban once, calling on an expensive array of lawyers to challenge the parliament's constitutional right to impose such a ban under Article 100 (A) of the Treaty of Rome. Ten days ago, the parliament's legal affairs committee rejected the challenge, but officials expect fresh attempts to stall a vote at tomorrow's session. If the ban is approved, the lobbyists will redouble their efforts to try to ensure that enough ministers oppose it at their meeting in May to prevent it from becoming law.

Mr Stanbrook said: "The argument that the ban represents a challenge to freedom of expression has outlived its usefulness, but the legal argument still carries some weight. It is time now to plug the trade protection line. We must point out that the community is supposed to be a free market and that the ban is being supported by some countries to protect their own state monopolies in tohacto."

The ramifications of the ban are so vast that more money is certain to be forth-coming for a continued lobby. Florus Wijsenbeek, the Dutch Liberal MEP who chairs the rules committee, said that all the lobbyists, not just those acting for tobacco, are employed because they can be worth their weight in gold to the interests they represent.

"Millions and millions of pounds can rest on the decisions of the parliament." he said. "For example, a few millimetres difference in the maximum permitted length of a lorry, or a few minutes' difference in the time a lorry driver must rest, can dramatically affect profits in the haulage industry."

The growth of lobbying has been encouraged by some spectacular successes in recent years, the most notable being the campaign orchestrated by Greenpeace which



Maestro of the lobby: Lionel Stanbrook, who says that variations on a theme are the key to success

led to a ban on the import of seal skins from Canada. Lord Plumb, then a leading British MEP and a committee chairman, received 4,000 postcards on the issue.

Mr Wijsenbeek, like most members and Community officials, has received attractive offers from lobbyists: in his case, a foreign holiday, which he declined, from a transport company interested in gaining his support when he was chairman of the transport committee. Mr Stanbrook recalled that, when he was a community official, Philip Morris offered him a trip to the Monte Carlo grand

Most members, and even some lobbyists, are disturbed by the freedom which interest groups enjoy in Brussels and Strasbourg. Tony Venables, who represents the Euro Citizen Action Service, told the rules committee hearing: "Some lobbyists are proud of cards which give them free access to all buildings. This is very undermocratic, for we are neither publicly elected members nor appointed officials and should not have privi-

leged access."

One of the possible solutions the rules committee is examining is to provide the lobbyists with separate building or offices to try to prevent them from wandering the corridors of parliament. Mr Venables has also suggested a parliamentary liaison service in Strasbourg to provide interest groups with better access to information.

Mr Wijsenbeek said that the parliament should consider providing the infrastructure to give lobbyists better conditions so that they can "work adequately and in a dignified manner".

Persuasion's Paganini effect

VARY your messages, start from the bottom up, and give Sir Leon Brittan a break are key pieces of advice on how to lobby the European parliament and commission from Lionel Stanbrook, a leading lobbyist who is campaigning against the proposed tobacco advertising ban.

advertising ban.

He insists that lobbying is an art and relies on what he terms "the Paganini effect: variations on a theme" to achieve his aims. If the European Parliament votes in favour of the ban tomorrow, he will start work on influencing the Council of Ministers, which will discuss the ban at its May meeting.

Mr Stanbrook, European affairs director of the Advertising Association, believes his best argument will be that the ban amounts to trade protection for those countries with state monopolies in to-bacco, and will put his case in an information note, no longer than a page and a half, to relevant British ministers, their research assistants and parliamentary private secretaries. "Twenty people is the

"A successful lobby must be a manysplendoured thing, comprising messages and communications of different sorts"

maximum you need to communicate with," he says.

In keeping with his Paganini theory, he will vary his letters according to his targets' personalities and interests, and hope that they lead

ests, and hope that they lead to meetings with the recipients and, eventually, their superiors if necessary. "Successful lobbying relies on direct contact on a social and personal level."

Mr Stanbrook is also a key

player in the European Advertising Tripartite and will be ensuring that his colleagues in other countries keep up similar pressure, especially in Holland, Denmark and Greece, where ministers may be wavering in their opposition to the ban. As the May meeting comes during Portugal's presidency of the Community, he will also write to the Portuguese health and foreign ministers and their aides. As May approaches, he plans to vary his

s of different sorts"
argument and raise again the
"dubious" legal justification

of a ban.

Mr Stanbrook is well placed to advise on swaying European powers, for he has worked for the Commission and the parliament. This is the advice he gave to a recent London conference on lobbying in European

ing in Europe:

"A successful lobby must be a many-splendonred thing, comprising messages and communications of different sorts, brought together to achieve a focused impact. This means, quite literally, sitting down with a blank piece of paper and writing down all the objectives, then working through them to see how they can be achieved. Next, write down as many messages as you can think of which will progress these objectives.

Take care to think in terms of your targets; it is vital to know them before you start. Each one will have a different set of sensitivities and your messages must be tailored to them. You'

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"But the Paganini effect does not stop there. Look again at the targets: if you don't have lowly commission officials as well as the most senior ones, if you are not reaching political group advisers as well as MEPs, then you are wasting your time and money.

"As far as the European parliament is concerned, the political group secretariat represents the great unspoken secret of effective lobbying. In the commission, the bottom up, rather than top down, approach is even more important."

Mr Stanbrook asked his fellow lobbyists to agree on "a self-denying ordinance": not to write to Sir Leon, the competition commissioner, or try to arrange a meeting with him for 12 months. He said that Sir Leon and his staff get "excessively irritated" by requests for meetings which are inappropriate or badly targeted.



Smoke screen: Chris Bullock, left, of the Tobacco Advisory Council, and John Sharkey, advertising director, before a council campaign poster in London

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Gay men may be third sex

By Nigel Hawkes science editor

HOMOSEXUAL men may be a third sex, with mental abilities distinct from those of heterosexual men and women, a Canadian study has suggested.

In psychological tests where consistent differences have been observed between men and women, homosexual men take a middle place, Sandra Witelson of McMaster University has discovered.

In tests of spatial ability, they are not as good as heterosexual men but better than women. In tests of verbal and manual fluency they are better than heterosexual men but not as good as women.

Combined with earlier work that showed anatomical differences in the brains of homosexual men, the study reinforces suggestions that sexual orientation might be determined by neurological factors, possibly caused by sex hormone levels in the

Other studies have linked the changes associated with homosexuality with lower levels of testosterone at crucial stages of foetal development.

In the Canadian study, a series of tests were conducted on three groups of 38 subjects: homosexual men, heterosexual men and heterosexual women. Professor Witelson says that the results cannot be explained by environmental factors or by a deliberate attempt to be different, but must reflect internal differences in the brain.

Abducted girl found naked

A girl aged four was abducted in a playground near her home in Nottingham yesterday and found naked in another play area more than two hours later.

The girl, from the St Ann's district, was found crying in Beacon Hill Road park by a passer-by. Her face and body were bruised. Doctors said that she had not been sexually assaulted.

Police found her clothes at the playground from which she was taken. She was wearing a pink jacket, grey jeans and black sweater and had been playing with a red and yellow scooter. Police appealed for witnesses.

Cottages hit

A thatched cottage set on fire in Pitt, Hampshire, was the 14th to be hit in the village in the past three years. Police are making house-to-house enquiries to try to find the arsonist.

A four-mile exclusion zone is to be enforced around the ancient stones at Stonehenge, Wiltshire, for four days around the the summer sol-

Stonehenge ban

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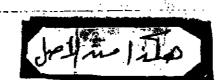
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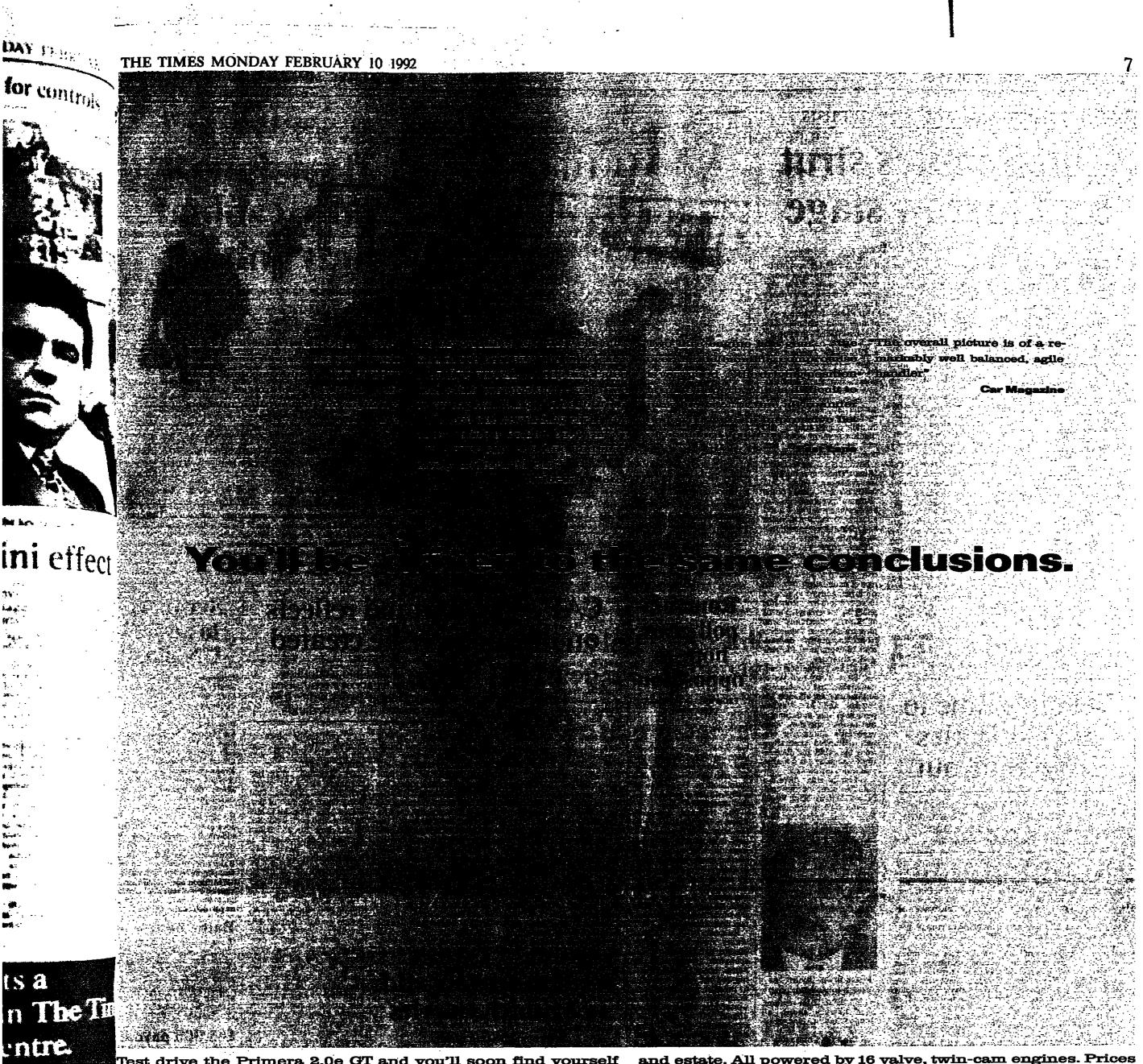
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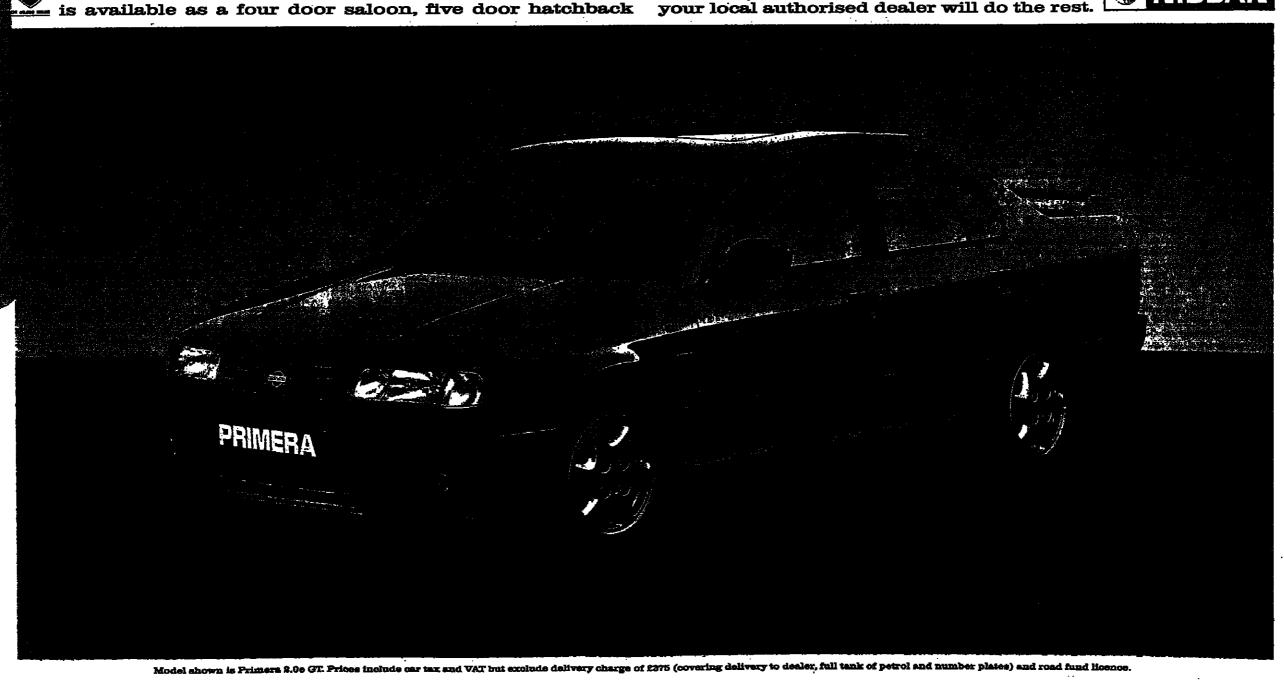




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Blackshirts rally with communists

Anti-Semites strut on Moscow stage

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOV

THE passions unleashed by economic hardship were displayed in all their ugliness on the streets of Moscow yesterday as blackshirted fanatics rubbed shoulders with snarling old women in a demonstration against President Yeltsin's attempts to dismantle the planned economy.

Communist demonstrators marched through Manezh Square, brandishing red flags and portraits of Marx. Their numbers were larger and angrier than expected, with more than 20,000 demanding the head of Boris Yeltsin, the man they revile as a "Judas". Mr Yeltsin and his reformers are accused of selling out the country for a ha peth of American aid.

Yet the the fact that the age of protesters averaged about 50 was a reminder that their brand of totalitarianism is probably no more likely to return than the Soviet state. whose flag they hoisted in the square with the aid of a gas balloon. Amid denunciations of Mr Yeltsin's arms cuts and the machinations of international capitalism, the protesters roared their approval for an absurd but potentially dangerous plan to reconvene the full Soviet parliament

About the same number of enlightened, middle-class land, the portly, balding Muscovites loyally, if rather speaker demanded: "How is

sullenly, answered a call by liberal groups to show their determination to defend the Russian parliament from the growing "red-brown" threat of communists and fascists.

Even political organisers like the Moscow radicals find it hard to muster demonstrations in support of a govern-ment, particularly one that has pushed many people to the brink of poverty. So earnest liberal orators concentrated on denouncing secret reactionaries in the Yeltsin leadership and, with limited success, tried to lead their well-mannered supporters in chants of "Resign!"

anyone, it was the dozens of self-confident young men in black tunics or tsarist uniforms who on Saturday triumphantly disrupted a congress of moderate Russian nationalists and on Sunday mingled happily with the communist crowd. Supporters of the anti-Semitic Pamyat movement forced the organisers of the conference whose guest of honour was Aleksandr Rutskoi, the vicepresident — to provide a plat-form for one of their leaders, Dmitri Vasilyev.

If the weekend belonged to

Denouncing genteel varieties of loyalty to the motherit that people are only whispering, speaking in an undertone, the name of the real enemy threatening our state? That enemy is zionism."

Mr Rutskoi had delivered a hymn of praise to the Russian past that was astonishing for the vulgarity and vitriol of its attacks on the cabinet's economic policies, but also careful to dissociate patriotism from racism. He accused the government of "performing an enema on the nation". through its indifference to pensioners dropping dead in milk queues and schoolchildren fainting from hun-ger". He called for an "eco-

nomic state of emergency". For all his passionate talk of Russia's mission as the humble saviour of the world", and the little-known glories of the "Russian merchant", part of his message was that it is still possible to be a nationalist and offer at least conditional support to Mr Yeltsin.

These events will increase pressure on Mr Yeltsin to jetnison his cabinet and concede ground to Mr Rutskoi's type of nationalism. Mr Yeltsin is being urged to adopt a more nationalist economic policy by the emerging class of "Russian merchants" who have transformed themselves from Communist bureaucrats to captains of the new stock exchanges.

At the level of political lead-

ers, there is no sign yet of nationalists and communists forging an overt alliance: Mr Rutskoi and Mr Vasilyev were both very anti-communist in their speeches, while yesterday's communist orators distanced themselves from the rabid but increasingly popular nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky

Yet on the street there is palpable sense of the "red-brown" alliance being forged — based on common longing for a strong, militaristic Rus



Rutskoi: a hymn of praise to Russian past sia, dislike for joint ventures, hard-currency shops, all

things Western, plus suspi-

cion of Jews. Gennadi, Khanasov, a Soviet-born comedian who now lives in Israel, brought roars of laughter to yesterday's liberal demonstration by mimicking the rantings of Mr Zhirinovsky. Yet the comic relief may prove to be shortlived: minutes after he spoke, there were angry calls to Moscow radio stations by disgruntled anti-Semites.

• Families to leave: Armed forces of the Commonwealth of Independent States said they were evacuating soldiers' families from a region of southern Russia where bandits are raiding army garrisons to seize weapons. They said that military planes were being sent to rescue the families from the breakaway Chechen region. (Reuter)

Western aid, page I

CAP's mastermind reflects on the monster he created

DRIVE three hours north from Brussels into the rich flatlands of the northern

Thirty years ago, Dr Mansholt was the Brussels

farm policy. George Brock writes from Wapsverween, The Netherlands aged 83 and from a life as a

farmer, economist and Dutch politician, Dr ansholt is a little deaf but otherwise still giving advice to the men struggling with his legacy. He admits that the CAP today has become a threat to the whole international trading system. Dan Quayle, the American vice-president, yesterday even made veiled threats that the United States might pull its troops out of Europe without a successful conclusion to General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) talks.

Dr Mansholt's explanation farmers. "The design was good, the method was wrong," he said.

Dr Mansholf's plan had

envisaged that if the system overproduced, controls would bring down the rate of production. But those checks and balances had been weakened by the time the EC began running a dairy surplus in 1968. "We never saw stabilisation as an absolute guarantee for the farmers." he said, "but the Community could never agree on mea sures to cut production." But shouldn't someone

have had an inkling that the system wouldn't deliver? The pressures to cobble together any "common" policy were evidently great. "It was a political aim. We did not want gain world war two. We wanted to bridge the Franco-

Leading article, page 13 Ecu growth, page 17

to adopt UN plan Stockpiles of food and a crippling budget are the legacy of a centralised

Belgrade: Deputies of the as-sembly of Croatia's rebel Ser-bian enclave of Krajina gathered yesterday for an ex-traordinary session, in which they were expected to accept the United Nations peace plan for Yugoslavia (Tim Judah writes). They met in Glina, 140 miles north of Krajina's capital Knin, for a session which Dr Milan Babic, the enclave's leader, called "invalid".

Serbs set

On Saturday the Serbian foreign minister Vladislav Jovanovic said that the deployment of a UN peacekeeping force in Yugoslavia was a matter of days and that Dr Babic's opposition to the plan was simply "psychological".

Dr Babic had called a session of the Krajina assembly for today at which he planned

Battle bones

Brussels: Archaeologists in southern Belgium have found for the first time the remains killed in 1745 at the battle of Fontency between the French and an Anglo-Dutch army. Sixty skeletons have been dug up. (Reuter)

£65,000 payout Jerusalem: Marisa Del Pinto, an Italian tourist who lost an eye during a demonstration by peace activists who formed a "peace chain" round the Old City in December 1989, has received damages of £65,000 from the Israeli police. (AFP)

Discord erupts Prague: The Prague Opera ball, the first since the com-munist regime fell in 1989, opened to catcalls from more than 100 protesters, who pelted guests with oranges and firecrackers, complaining that the entry price of £68 was too high. (AFP)

Charge readied Berlin: Hans Modrow, the last communist prime minister of former East Germany. will be charged for vote-rigging in a 1989 local poll, the Berliner Morgenpost said. Herr Modrow chairs the Party of Democratic Socialism. (Reuter)

Jailed again

Nimes: A court here jailed a man for 18 years for raping two American hitchhikers in 1988. Luc Tangorre had been jailed in 1983 for rape and exposing himself, but had been freed after a presidential pardon three months

Refugee plight
Ravenna: Italian authorities

authorised the Butrincti, an Albanian merchant ship with 54 refugees on board, to dock, but the refugees will be repatriated because no immigrants are allowed into the country without work contracts, sources said. (AFP)

Islands: Two Spaniards. Tomás Feliu, an engineer. and Jesús González Green. a television journalist, took off in a hot-air balloon to retrace Christopher Columbus's voyage of discovery to

Goodbye to the gulag: the ten last political prisoners leaving Perm-35 forced labour camp in Russia. Their release, which marked a symbolic end to one of the grimmest chapters in 20th-century history, is intended to give substance to

President Yeltsin's claim at the United Nations last week that "there are no political prisoners in free Russia". Since a year ago, former Soviet authorities claimed that they had freed all Perm prisoners convicted under article 70 of the

penal code, which proscribes "agitation and propaganda against the state". But human rights groups claimed that remaining inmates had committed crimes through politically motivated acts. The institution won the Soviet Union the

opprobrium of the world. The free ing of the ten will also underpin Mr Yeltsin's assertion that his country, which in its Soviet incarnation used to react with anger at Western criticism of its human rights record, now welcomes foreign monitoring

Romania poll gives hope to opposition

FROM ADRIAN FOREMAN IN BUCHAREST

ROMANIA'S opposition parties hope that their fortunes have been revived by yesterday's local elections, the first since communist rule. The elections for mayors and councillors are being seen as a dry run for a general election expected by May.

The National Salvation Front, overwhelming victor in the May 1990 general elec-tion, is expected to look vulnerable when the local election results begin to come in today. An opinion poll in Bucharest put the front in second place behind the Democratic Convention, an electoral alliance, including. five of the largest parliamen-

Romania's 16.5 million voters have increasingly blamed the front for winter economic troubles. Many ing and hot water, measures to privatise agriculture have made some food shortages worse, and inflation hovers around 400 per cent as unemployment rises. Opposition allegations that the front contains too many former communists intent on maintaining power have been tak-

en up by newspapers.
Forty-two of the parties have formed seven electoral alliances to try to avoid splitting the opposition vote. With more than 130,000 candidates nationwide - in Bucharest there are 33 candidates for mayor - ballot papers were looking more like small books.

At a meeting with the observers, Theodor Stolojan, the prime minister - heading an interim coalition government until the general election said every effort was being made to ensure the polls were free and fair. The Peasant party, part of the Democratic Convention, said electoral lists contained the names of

Netherlands and you arrive at an austerely elegant 17th-century farmhouse. Here you will find the tall, stooping Sicco Mansholt sadly contemplating the ruin of his creation, the European Comunity's common agricultural policy.

farm commissioner who welded the farm support policies of the EC's original six states into a centralised system for guaranteeing farmers' incomes. But the policy turned out to be an uncontrollable monster gobbing nearly two thirds of the Community budget and stockpiling food.

Mountains of butter, mountains of cereals, mountains of milk powder." Dr. Mansholt

Today, EC farm ministers meet in Brussels to continue discussions on the latest plans to tame farm spending. Now

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He shares a four-benth cab-

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men, waiting to hear whether

they have been granted asy-lum status, which will allow

them to stay in Germany.

They are among the 250 new

refugees sent to Munich every

week who are stretching the

city's housing resources to

The nationalities of the resi-

dents in the 43 containers

read like a roll call of the

world's poorer troubled areas.

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for the debattle is that his first designs would have worked had they not been betrayed and distorted by weak politicians who were afraid of their

Asylum-seekers add to Munich worries FROM IAN MURRAY IN MUNICH "MOHAMMED" is a penni- ils and, most numerous of all, newly independent Croats wait in hope for permission to stay. "Mohammed" has only

> name. "I did not prepare to leave my country. I had to run away. This was the only possible place to come." Each refugee has his own tale of woe, but Hans Stutzle, who runs Munich's social services, has his own difficulties. His department is already at full stretch dealing with homelessness among Ger-mans. The city estimates it

been there a week and is still

too frightened to give his real

needs 50,000 new homes. Munich's problems are repeated up and down the country as asylum-seekers from all over the world continue to pour into Germany.

German mistrust: It was not a question of solving agriculture or world problems: we wanted European unity. For a common market, a common outer tariff was not enough in agriculture. We had to unite six national systems for protecting farmers.
And we succeeded in doing so." Whatever is done. Dr Mansholt thinks, must first stop the EC's distortion of the world's food markets. "One of the reasons for hunger in Africa and South America, low food production and the flow of people to the towns is

that world prices are too low. That's partly our policy - our fault and the Americans' fault, 100." Dr Mansholt believes that the current proposals in the Gatt talks for shrinking farm subsidies will not work because too many subsidised exports will still be dumped on the world market.

Roman soap gets the Marchesa in a lather uninhibited, unprejudiced FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

European Community commissioner for the environment, was unable to prevent the screening at the weekend of an Italian television series believed to be based on his Dolce Vita lifestyle in Rome with his wife, the Marchesa Marina Ripa Di Meana.

However, Judge Domenico Bonaccorsi ruled that the third episode of the political soap opera, Piazza di Spagna, be modified so as not to offend the sensibilities of the fashionable couple. Before and after the programme was broadcast, the Canale 5 station was ordered to show a placard declaring that the heroine of the drama, Countess Armida De Toile, played by an obscure Polish actress, Grazyna Szapolowska, was pure fantasy and bore no relation to the marchesa, aged 49.

The Dallas-style series paints a torrid picture of Roman high society revolving around the frenetic world of the Countess De Tolle, who

CARLO Ripa Di Meana, the schemes, bribes and manipulates politicians and corrupt Sicilian businessmen together with her lover, "the honourable Nasso", a lookalike of the elegant commissioner. Silvio Berlusconi, the own-

er of Canale 5, travelled to - Rome on Friday and presented his apologies to the Ripa Di Meanas at their apartment in the Via della Croce, near the Spanish Steps. "He was so contrite, really very displeased," the Marchesa Marina told Il Messagero. "He admitted not even having seen the film in spite of everything that crupted in the

But the Calabrian society hostess said she and her second husband would press for a written apology from Si-gnor Berlusconi, not least because the show had upset her relatives. "My mother had a crying fit when she saw the first episode, where this 'countess' whose hairstyle is like mine, who dresses like me, has two pug dogs like me, an only daughter and a lover



Marchesa Ripa Di Meana: her anger at a Dallasstyle television series is shared by Socialists

who comes and goes from husband, the commissioner Brussels, plays the mediator, of the Europeanic ommunity, in illicit business between and to his paray the Italian high finance and politics. Socialist party."

There is no doubt that if this identification between De Tolle and me was allowed. all the audience would have case against the programme continued in a certain sense as far as it went. "He said it to refer also to Carlo, my clearly: the fact that I am

The marchesa said that she was pleased with the verdict of the Roman judge on her

and anti-conformist does not give anyone the right to feast on my personality." Signor Ripa Di Meana was quoted by La Repubblica as

saying Piazza di Spagna, which has been watched by as many as six million Italians, has incurred the displeasure of Benino Craxi, the Socialist leader, who is worried about the image of his party as Italy's parliamentary election. on April 5 draws near. "Craxi is in the electoral

campaign like everyone. He was very limitated in seeing one of the figures of his party, never involved in embarrassing stories, reduced to the role of organiser of sharp practice."
The Marchesa Marina has

been a prominent figure in Italian gossip columns since she described her many loves in an autobiography. "Now I am waiting for written excuses from Beriusconi," she told II Messagero. "Obviously he can do it for me through the newspapers he owns. Hu-man beings are not cannon

before the attack. AFP)

After Columbus Hoya del Morcillo, Canary

Yeltsin's time to work miracles is running out

The West's programme of aid for Russia, generous though it is, will not be enough to stave off economic anarchy, Roger Boves writes

Only a huge, immediate and imaginative injection of foreign capital can now save President Yeltsin's market reform programme and stave offeconomic anarchy in Russia. The demonstrations at the weekend — by hardline nationalists, by neo-communists, and a countermarch by pro-Yeltsin democrats — were a prodding reminder of how fast

Roris Yeltsin's authority has crumbled as he tries to pull order out of chaos. This week's aid ship-ments from the West and Japan, though large and welcome, will not save the day. Mr Yeltsin in his swift tour of North America. Britain and France, made plain how much he needs: a rouble stabilisation fund of about \$5 billion and about

the same amount for imports of food and medicine. He needs this within about six weeks, long be-fore the institutions such as the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development can come up with even partial solutions. The IMF will take time to process the Russian application, and the EBRD is

restrictions on credits EUROPEAN COMMENTARY

due only in April to lift its

to the Commonwealth of Independent States. Apart from the usual bureaucratic hurdles, there are important practical questions to

As the head of the US Export-Import Bank, John Macomber, said the other day: "We need to know who has the authority to contract? Who controls the foreign currency? Who decides if foreigners can invest in their oil and gas business?"

Russian ministers and economists were not bluffing when they threatened recently in Davos that the former Soviet Union may end up as a Yugoslavia magnified by a factor of ten. Russia is making the East European transition to the market, but it is a far more arduous passage and

contains far greater risks. The country has no democratic traditions and only shaky institutions; it has a discontented army; above all it is in the middle of a national identity crisis that is confusing and souring every attempt to change the economy. The unemployed - about a million but rising fast - are natural recruits for neo-commu-

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autocratic pretenders. In-dustrial production has dropped by 22 per cent, price liberalisation has triggered 300 per cent in-flation, and the black market is filling the void left behind by the crumpling of the central distribution

The Russian government is almost bankrupt, it has no means of gathering tax revenue. Factories have been transferring their hard currency abroad to stave off any attempts by the authorities to confis-cate it. There is little doubt that Russia is on the very

verge of terrifying hyper-inflation. As Poland found out in 1989, hyper-inflation categories — it destroys savings and the savings instinct, it makes paupers out of the middle class, makes black marketeers out of workers, makes pensioners militant, makes farmers hang on to their lifestock and it forces

droves. There is nothing inher-ently wrong with the European Community. Japanese and other aid flowing into a disorganised country. It may not all reach the most needy, but that is a fundamental risk of aid donation throughout the world. The problem is the poor match between what the West can afford

people to emigrate in

and the amount that the ex-Soviet republics need.

That might be an argument for swaying the pen-dulum away from aid to-wards trade. Russia needs both aid and trade, but

above all it needs time.

The Marshall aid programme to Europe in 1947 channelled assistance to relatively modern market fractured, trading traditions. Russia is in a limbo between systems. It might pull off the kind of economic miracle enjoyed by Ger-many under the former chancellor. Ludwig Exhard - but it will take 25 years. not the eight or nine needed by the postwar Ger-mans. Mr Yeltsin is lucky if

he has three months. Those fat-bellied Western aircraft landing in Moscow this week are a sign of undoubted Western goodwill. But if the West is serious about saving Mr Yeltsin's vision of a modern Russia - rather than the introverted one sought by so many demonstrators. last weekend - it needs to set up a stabilisation fund

Peter Riddell, page 12

White House campaign

Rough stuff builds up on election trail

FROM PETER STOTHARD IN NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NEW Hampshire's "dirty war" is just beginning. As the daily countdown to America's first presidential election reaches single figures, the candidates hitherto decorous efforts to attract support are giving way to rougher stuff.
Top targets: the Democrat

front-runner Bill Clinton and Republican upstart Patrick Buchanan. Governor Clinton's opponents believe that they have barely scratched the surface of his "character problems". Mr Buchanan, who has so far faced only mild-mannered Oval Office TV commercials from President Bush, will now be directly attacked for his opposition to Operation Desert Storm and his "know nothing"

Governor Clinton is clineing on to his leadership in the polls. But an ABC movement (Anyone But Clinton) is gathering fast among party pro-fessionals, who fear that the Arkansas governor is "too in-teresting" to survive another eight months of scrutiny. This sense of alarm is tempered only by the judgement that that his chief challenger, Paul Tsongas of Massachusens, is "too boring" to stay the course. Former Senator Tsongas tied with Governor Clinton in one weekend poil. The campaign to draft

Saddam's rivals in disarray

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

AS AMERICA steps up the pressure on President Saddam Hussein. Iraq's divided opposition has failed to agree on a date or venue for a longawaited general congress to map a unified strategy for his

between representatives of the 25 factions, meeting in Damascus, came as a disappointment, but did not surprise Western security experts monitoring the prospects of forging a united opposition to the Baghdad regime. At the same time, an angry Egyp-tian government has distanced itself from detailed reports in the American media that Cairo was co-operating in a secret Middle East mission led by Robert Gates. the CIA director, intended to review ways of speeding up Saddam's downfall.

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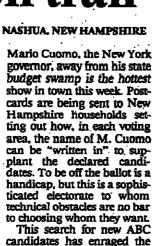
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A senior official in Cairo said that Egypt maintained its clear policy of not meddling in the affairs of any Arab or foreign country. He added: "Egypt adheres to its principal of respecting the will of peoples."

The Damascus meeting, which opened last Wednesday, foundered both on the differing ideologies of the groups involved, and their views on what sort of government should replace Saddam. Observers said the bickering showed that, more than a year after the start of the Gulf War, there is still no single opposition figure who commands the respect and support of all the factions.



other Democrats who have for weeks been stomping forlorn courses around New Hampshire. Senator Bob Kerrey reacted quietly at first to the reports last Thursday that Governor Clinton had misrepresented his willingness to serve in Vietnam. By the end of the day, the Nebraskan was openly challeng-ing his rival's credibility. By the weekend the Kerrey campaign featured a legless, onearmed fellow veteran who waved the state motto "Live Free or Die" full in the face of Governor Clinton's anti-war protests of the 1960s.

The "draft-dodging" issue is perfect for all Governor Clinton's opponents. Although its justification is minimal, it draws attention to the other alleged "character flaws". He becomes the date, as bumper stickers throughout the state illus-

"Make Love Not War" canditrate, particularly useful now to Senator Kerrey who has a war record which any ambi-tious politician would (or perhaps would not) die for.
At the beginning of his campaign, there was admir-

ing recollection of how, on March 14, 1969, Navy SEAL Kerrey led a seven-man special forces team up a 350ft cliff against North Vietnam-ese saboteurs, how he lost half a leg to a home-made gre-nade but continued to lead his outnumbered men to victory. His Medal of Honour was the high point of a successful resume in business and state politics which seemed the perfect launch-pad to the White House. It never left the launch pad. Senator Kerrey now has just nine days to achieve lift-off. Senator Kerrey had a reputation for glamour, through film star girlfriend Debra Winger, and intellect. through his nonchalant references to Albert Camus. He seemed the perfect figure for the first post-communist, "new order" election. By contrast, Governor Clinton's glamour was tainted; he stayed on top, however, adding idealism to a reputation for getting things done.

Fire tragedy

Trippstadt, Germany: Fire swept through a flat in this southwestern German town. killing eight children, their mother and another relative. The children's father was taken to hospital, suffering from severe smoke inhalation. (AP)

Arms arrests Manila: More than 700

people have been arrested in the Philippines for defying a ban on carrying firearms in the run-up to the presidential election on May 11. (AFP)



Sporting chance: Vice-President Dan Quayle and his wife, Marylin, paying a surprise visit to Courchevel, site of the ski jump and Nordic competitions in the Winter Olympics. Yesterday's events, pages 29 and 30

Nazi criminals left alone for 20 years

Gabriella Gamini takes a look at the Argentine files on Nazi war criminals made public this week in Buenos Aires by order of President Menem

ARGENTINE authorities took more than two decades to open files and investigate two Nazi war criminals, harboured here after the second world war, although they had been tried in absentia and were sought for the murder of thousands of Jews, according to police files shown to The Times.

"The files show that the Nazīs were allowed to live here and the police did not cooperate in the international search for them," said Señor Eugenio Rom, director of the national archives.

Walter Kutschmann, held responsible for the death of 1,500 Polish Jews in 1942, arrived in Argentina on January 16, 1948, disguised as a priest with a Spanish passport, and gave his name as Pedro Ricardo Olmo, born in the Ciudad Real in Spain. But it was not until 1975 that the federal police opened a file on him, after repeated requests from leaders of the Jewish community here and the Simon Weisenthal Centre based in America. Alias Pedro Olmo, Kutschmann entered the country with an identity card issued to priests in Spain.

With this he applied for Argentine citizenship on August 28, 1950, received it. and renewed the application three times after that. He passed as a Catholic priest. although he reported a marriage to Isabel Pospishil, registered in Buenos Aires.

Kutschmann lived at the beachside resort of Miramar. almost 40 years without interference and worked as a sales director for a leading engineering company. A report by federal police in 1977 claims there was "no concrete evidence that Pedro Olmo was

weto, outside Johannesburg. Police yesterday opened fire Walter Kutschmann". By July 23, 1984 police were watching his residence in Miramar and had observed "he was extremely upset at some of the enquiries". Final-

ly on November 14, 1984 the police were ordered to "arrest Walter Kutschmann alias Pedro Olmo". But he was never extradited and the next document mentions his death in hospital in August 1986, and his burial as Pedro Olmo. . The file on Eduard Roschmann, better known as

the "butcher of Riga" for his involvement in the killing of 40,000 Jews in a concentration camp at Riga, in Latvia, between 1941 and 1944. shows that police investigations on him started 29 years after his arrival in Argentina. Roschmann, a former head of the SS in charge of the Jewish sector, had been detained by the allied forces but managed

He arrived in Buenos Aires on October 29, 1948 using the name of Frederick Wegner, claiming he was from Czechoslovakia. He is mentioned for the first time in police files in July 1977, after the German government requested his extradition.

The first federal police report mentions "a German looking man named Wegner working as the manager in a hotel in the province of La Rioja, who could be connected with the Roschmann case".

Repeated visits by police to different addresses in Buenos Aires looking for Roschmann failed to track him down. He died in Paraguay.

British trial, page 5 Hitler's Olympics, in Life & Times

Six killed in Zulu rampage at Soweto

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

SIX people have been killed and nearly 20 injured in fighting between hostel dwellers and residents in the Meadowlands district of So-

with rubber bullets and birdshot and also used tear gas on mobs rampaging through the streets. The township's Baragwanath hospital said 15 people were being treated for birdshot wounds.

The fighting, in one of Soweto's worst flashpoints, began on Saturday. According to the African National Congress the hostel dwellers, predominantly supporters of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom party, went on a ram-shop outside Durban.

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page after a funeral of one of their comrades. At least 15 homes were set ablaze. Three people were killed and one burned to death in the clashes, but yesterday police said the toll had risen to six and that four, including a policeman, had been wounded.

In Natal, Sakimbuzo Ngwenya, a leading ANC official, was killed as he left a restuarant in Umbali township in the Midlands. The murder bore all the hallmarks of a revenge killing. On Friday night, Winnington Sabelo, who gained a reput-ation as one of Inkatha's most notorious warlords in the late 1980s, was shot dead in his

Pretenders line up to remove Shamir

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK Shamir, Israel's prime minister, already under domestic and international pressure, faced a challenge yesterday from within his own ranks as senior cabinet ministers confirmed they would run against him for the Likud party leadership.

David Levy, the foreign minister and Ariel Sharon. the housing minister, will compete in the race when the party's 3.500-member central committee convenes on February 20. Speaking at a meeting of his supporters on Saturday night, Mr Levy said: "The time has come to compete for the Likud leadership. I believe I can lead the Likud to victory.

Mr Levy, who is frequently derided by Israeli commeniators as a joke figure on the political scene, has recently seen his fortunes enhanced during his visit to China, when diplomatic relations were established with Peking, and later in Moscow, where he headed the Israeli delegation at the multilateral peace talks. In addition, he has maintained a loyal political faction within the Likud party drawn mainly from his fellow Moroccan Jewish supporters.

Mr Sharon, who represents the other extreme of the party. is hoping to garner support from right wingers uneasy about the course of the peace process, particularly any moves to offer Palestinians self-rule in the occupied territories.

Political pundits predicted that Mr Shamir, aged 76. would easily fend off the leadership bids. However, if the ership bios. Flowever, if the challenges succeed in damag-ing his support, he could find himself under growing pressure to step down. Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, goes up against his deputy and long-standing rival, Yitzhak Rabin, on February 21, in what is expected to be a close

 Cairo: Mohammed Abdel-Halim Moussa, Egypt's interior minister, claimed yesterday that Fares Subhi Misrati, an Israeli Arab, arrested last week with his language-student daughter, had now confessed to working for Mossad, Israel's secret intelligence service.

Burmese troops murder refugees

Dhaka: Burmese troops fired on Muslim refugees in boats trying to cross the Naf river at the weekend, killing at least 35 and injuring 22 (Ahmed Fazi writes). About 75 people are missing after the shooting, which happened near the Bangladesh border town of Teknaf.

The Dainik Bangla newspaper said two boats ferrying about 160 refugees were sunk. Survivors said Burmese soldiers boarded a third boat and shot dead 20 people.

Taiwan reform

Taipei: Taiwan's National Assembly will pass wide-ranging democratic reforms, starting on March 20. to complete a process of change that began with the lifting of martial law in 1987, President Lee Teng-hui said yesterday. (Reuter)

Glass tribute

Canberra: Australia's East Timorese community erected a glass memorial outside the Indonesian embassy to victims of last November's mas-sacre in Dili to replace 124 crosses removed by police enforcing an Australian gov-ernment regulation. (AFP)

Escobar trial

Santafé de Bogotá: Pablo Escobar, the jailed Colombi-an cocaine boss, will be tried for the killings of 42 farmworkers in three massacres. The superior court for judge's ruling that Escobar was not involved. (AFP)

Camp toll rises Hong Kong: The death toll after Tuesday's arson attack at a camp here for Vietnamese boat people, allegedly by southern Vietnamese, rose to 23 when a man aged 18 died. More than 2,000 northerners

Prophet profits

have been moved to avert further conflict. (Reuter)

Mexico City: Sales of the bible outstripped those of all other works at the 5th international book fair in the officially atheist Havana. The fair marks the first time in 20 years the bible has been wide-| ly available in Cuba. (AP)

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Tyson case girl sought ideal man story that Miss Washing-

DESIREE Washington, the beauty queen who accuses Mike Tyson of rape, talked on television of her yearning for romance with an 'ideal man" soon after the boxer had prowled through the ranks of beauty contestants in search for a mate for the night, the jury heard yesterday. Miss Washington's

yearnings were aired in a prosecution attempt to show that sex was far from her mind when she met Tyson at a rehearsal for the Miss Black America contest in Indianapolis and accepted an invitation which she insists was a tour of the city and he maintains was a straight request for sex.
"My ideal man is athletic

... and he likes debating," she had said. "His love for me will be great." The tape was played after Tyson's lawyers wrapped up their case, leaving the jury with the image of the boxer as a lecherous boor whose methods of courtship were so crude that no woman could have misunderstood side," said Mr Shaw.

As the prosecution rested its case, legal experts remained divided on the likely outcome of the Tyson case, writes **Charles Bremner** from Indianapolis

the meaning of an invitation to his bedroom. After 23 defence witnesses and an inconclusive cross-examination of Tyson on Saturday, opinion among legal experts was split over the likely fate of the former world heavyweight champion when the jury considers its verdict. John Tranberg, a retired judge, said that Greg Garri-

son, the prosecutor, "did real well" in adopting a kidgloves approach to coax the boxer into a damning account of his attitude to women. However, Mark Shaw, another legal commentator said the usually fiery prosecutor had failed to provoke Tyson into lowering his guard. "What the jury got was the fun, polite side of Tyson, not the dark

Tyson seemed to be struggling to contain his temper as Mr Garrison tried to liken the physical deceptions he employed in the ring to the verbal ones he allegedly used to lure Miss Washington. He sheepishly confirmed that on the day he met her at a rehearsal for the beauty contest, his sole intention had been to have sex with her as fast as possible. "I had the intention of doing it in the limousine but the partition [behind the driv-

he said. Earlier that day last July. Tyson said, he had made love to his steady girlfriend. but he could not confirm her statement that he had done so twice. Though tripped up on some details, Tyson stuck calmly to his

er] was not dark enough,"

ton, a student and church usher as well as a beauty queen, had thrown herself at him and willingly en-gaged in sex. In his final flourish, Mr Garrison asked the boxer whether he really expected the jury to believe that he had walked up to the teenager, "one month out of high school and said to her 'I want to f*** you', and she replied 'Sure'. . ?" "Yeah," said Tyson. Americans have begun to

draw some conclusions

about the moral health of a country which reveres stars in spite of behaviour which would have appalled earlier generations. Anna Quindlen said yesterday in The New York Times that Tyson had clearly "disrespected black women from one end of the country to the other as though they were ham-burgers and he were hungry'. Yet, she noted, he is widely still regarded as a superhero and role model who is the frequent victim of female machinations.

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Julie Ward murder trial puts Kenya government in the dock



Julie Ward: father discovered remains

appear in a Nairobi court today charged with the murder of Julie Ward, a British tourist, more than two years ago. But the proceedings promise to be not just a trial for murder but of the Kenyan system of government.

The defendants, Peter Kipeen, aged 26, and Jonah Magiroi, aged 28, have cho-sen one of Kenya's leading opposition figures, James Orengo, to defend them. He is certain to focus as much on the government's attempts to cover up the killing of the 28year-old from Bury St Edmunds as he is on proving the innocence of his clients.

Julie Ward was last seen alive by anyone other than her murderers on September 6. 1988, as she packed up two tents at the Sand River camping site near the Tanzanian border and headed back to Nairobi after a few troubled days in Kenya's famous national park, the Masai Mara.

Sam Kiley reports from Nairobi on the long trail of investigation by a British father that led to the trial of two game wardens from the Masai Mara reserve

John Ward, found one of her severed legs, her jaw (cleft in two), a strand of hair and a fire where much of the rest of her remains had been burnt with petrol six miles from her abandoned Suzuki Jeep. It had been bogged down in a muddy gully. Her remains had been inefficiently cremated in a secluded grove of trees which had been singed by the

Julie had spent several months crossing the continent before settling in the Nairobi suburb of Langata where she swiftly adopted an easy life among Nairobi's whites living in colonial bun-galows at the foot of the Ngong hills. She planned a last trip to the Mara before a

Langata. But her visit to the Mara had been beset with difficulties from the start. Her car had broken down the day after arriving in the park and had to be towed to a nearby lodge, her companion had left her to return to a meeting in Naitobi and she spent two days waiting for spare parts to arrive before setting off home on her own.

which she hoped to return to

She left the main road out of the Mara from the Sand River camp and took a short cut, where she got stuck in the gully. She wrote "SOS" in mud on the roof, flattened the Suzuki's battery, possibly to frighten off lions and other predators with her headlights, and then left the car.

cluding Jason Kaviti, the government's chief pathologist. said that she had either committed suicide or been eaten by wild animals while looking

Mr Ward, a hotelier, flew to Kenya as soon as the alarm was raised by Julie's friends and since then has spent thousands of hours and more than £300,000 proving that Julie did not take her own life. As his lawyer at Julie's in-

quest said. Mr Ward was asked to believe that Julie left her car wearing flip-flops, carrying pots and pans and a jerrycan full of petrol and wandered off into the bush 'clanking like a Christmas tree". She then, according to the official story, hacked off her leg, cut off her head, then doused herself in petrol and set it alight, "thereby committing suttee after committing

Mr Kaviti gave testimony to last year's enquiry into the murder of Kenya's former

KENYA Sand River TANZANIA Julie's remains discovered here uzuki jee half mile

foreign minister, Dr Robert Ouko, that the minister had run 2 kilometers from his home carrying a can of diesel. broken his leg en route, then hopped the rest of the way to the spot where he was found dead. There he shot himself at an awkward angle in the head, then also poured fuel over himself before igniting it. As in the murder of Dr

Ouko (which came five months after Julie's disappearance) the Kenyan authorities called in Scotland Yard detectives to investigate the crime after being accused of trying to cover up the

murders. But Philip Kilonzo, the Kenyan chief of police, and others refused to treat the Ward case as murder - even after

evidence from Professor Austin Gresham of Cambridge University's department of morbid anatomy that Julie's skull had been cut off with a

'single swipe". The inquest into her death concluded that there had been "foul play" in her death. but the magistrate stopped short of instructing the police to launch a murder investigation. Mr Kipeen and Mr Magiroi were arrested a year ago on the advice of the Scotland Yard team as the most likely suspects in the alleged

Although Mr Ward originally suspected that Julie's murder must have been committed by someone with highlevel connections because of the efforts the authorities went to obscure the crime he now believes the motive for the obfuscation was to protect

the tourist industry.
"They just seem to have been afraid of what a murder in the Mara would have done

Algeria police clash with Islamic radicals

FROM ALFRED HERMIDA IN TUNIS

ALGERIA'S military-backed authorities seem poised to declare a state of emergency after a weekend of violent clashes across the country between Islamic fundamentalists and the security forces. The violence began after Friday prayers, and since then more than 40 people have been killed and several hundred injured.

Tension was high yesterday as leaders of the main political parties were summoned to the presidency. They were told that the ruling council, which is led by Abdelmalek Benhabyles, would soon announce measures to confront

the deteriorating situation. Throughout Friday and Saturday, groups of young people in fundamentalist strongholds in Algiers taunt-

PAKISTAN, responding to

international pressure, took

steps yesterday to stop a mass

march tomorrow to the Kash-

mir border. India made it

clear that anybody entering

its territory would be shot and

announced that it had mined

and tear gas to prevent mili-

tants massing for the march

into the Indian part of Kash-

mir. Caravans of buses were

stopped by police at several

points on the way to

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countries is exceptionally

high, particularly after an un-

precedented admission by

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tually ensured that India will

continue to reject United

States proposals for a South

Asian nuclear restraint agreement. Delhi hinted at the

weekend that its nuclear pro-

gramme might now be ad-

Islamabad's pledge to try to

leaves the march fraught with

danger, even though there is

a shared determination to

avoid anything that might

lead to another war. The Pa-

kistan army will be reluctant

to use excessive force to stop

the procession, aware that to

do so could destabilise the

fragile government of Nawaz

Sharif, the prime minister.

The organisers, the Jammu

and Kashmir Liberation

Front, are expected to try to

find a way round the troops

and attempt to cross into In-

vanced.

Tension between the two

possible infiltration routes. Security forces used batons ed police with shouts of "Allahu Akhbar" (God is great). In one district, Belcourt, demonstrators attacked police with stones and petrol bombs. Riot police, backed up by army units. fired warning shots and used tear gas to disperse the crowds. There was also violence in cities in the north of Algeria. Batna, in the east of the country, has been the scene of some of the worst violence. The fighting, which began on Tuesday, has claimed at least 13 lives.

Hundreds of fundamentalists were arrested over the weekend, including Abdelkader Moghni, a promiment figure in the Islamic Salva-

dia. Orders are understood to

have gone out for the arrest of

Amanuliah Khan, the front

leader, who went under-

ground after declaring in Is-

lamabad that he intended to die on the border. The Paki-

stan government is embar-

rassed by the threatened

border assault at a time when

it is trying to convince inter-

national investors that the

The threatened border

crossing is an attempt by Mr

Khan, who is banned from

Britain and America, to re-

vive both his personal for-tunes and those of the front

The organisation, which launched the uprising in the

Kashmir valley nearly three years ago, has been weakened

as a fighting force after the

capture of many of its top

grubby office above a car workshop in the Pakistani

city of Rawalpindi. His job is

propaganda, fundraising

and administration. He looks

more like a diminutive coun-

try schoolteacher than a guer-

rilla leader. He says he earns

his living from a school he

owns. He lived for many years

in Britain, and was jailed before being ordered out. He

is not regarded by Kashmiri

Muslims in India as a signifi-

cant political figure despite

his organisation's popularity

in the valley. Madhavsinh

Solanki, India's external af-

fairs minister, said that any

attempt to cross the line of

control dividing Kashmir

would "invite decisive retalia-

tion". He added that he be-

lieved the situation was under

Mr Khan works from a

country is stable.

Pakistan vows to halt

march to border

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN ISLAMABAD

Demonstrators have erected

barricades and set fire to car

tion Front. Mr Moghni, who was elected with a large majority in the first round of the elections in December, was arrested at his home on Saturday by plainclothes officers.

The campaign against the Islamic Salvation Front was stepped up yesterday when police raided and closed down the party's national headquarters in the centre of Algiers. Two party leaders and several activists were

There is growing specula-tion that the Islamic Salvation Front is to be banned. However, the front remained defiant. A statement said: The nationwide demonstrations on Friday showed the people's refusal to accept the politics of tutelage and the big stick." The front repeated its demand that the electoral process be continued. The party had appeared about to win the elections before they were cancelled by the military-backed authorities. "The crisis will continue as long as the junta in power continues to scorn the people and resaid the statement

In a further sign of defiance, the front has called for a peaceful march through Algiers next Friday in protest at "the political piracy" of the authorities. But permission for the march is unlikely to be granted. A decision to go ahead with the protest in those circumstances could set the scene for a violent confrontation with the security

A state of emergency appears to be imminent. The country's High Security Council met on Saturday night to assess the position. The council, which includes three senior army officers, the defence minister, the interior minister and the head of the armed forces, is only convened in exceptional circumstances when the head of state believes national security to

Benhabyles: expected to ban Islamic front



Fast footwork: Su Tzu Ning, aged 13, of Taiwan, crossing into Shenzhen from Hong Kong, the

Club Med air crash kills 30

FROM AFP IN DAKAR

A PLANE chartered by the French tour operator Club Méditerranée crashed early yesterday in Senegal, killing 30 of the 56 people on board. The crash, near the village of Kafountine in Senegal's southern Casamance region, killed 24 of the plane's 50 passengers and all six crew, officials said. The passengers were all French except for a

the crew were believed to be A survivor told Senegalese radio that the plane, making a 45-minute flight from Da-kar to the Club Med resort at Cap Skirring in Casamance, crashed just after the pilot announced that they were

Belgian couple, a Club Med

spokesman in Paris said. All

due to land in five minutes. The statement was taken to show that the pilot thought he was making his final half-turn before landing at Cap Skirring. The Convair CV640, chartered jointly by Club Med and Air Senegal, crashed 30 miles north in a marshy area near the south-ern border of Gambia, an of the crash was not known.

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

LEFT-WING opposition parties joined forces to beat Kiichi Miyazawa's ruling Liberal Democratic party in an upper house by-election at Nara, west Japan, yesterday. The defeat dealt a heavy blow to the prime minister's scandal-hit government.

"The Kyowa scandal showed the level of corruption in the ruling party," said the winner, Yoshihisa Yoshida, who was supported by the Socialists and three other par-

cused on Fumio Abe, former treasurer of Mr Miyazawa's LDP faction, who was charged last week with taking 80 million yen (£355,000) in bribes from Kyowa, a nowbankrupt property developer.

cerning close aides of Mr Miyazawa.

To back demands that Mr

Poll deals blow to Miyazawa

ties. "My victory is a clear sign of the people's anger against this." The Kyowa scandal fo-

The by-election was seen as a test of public confidence ahead of upper house elections in July. Yesterday's defeat came after almost daily disclosures of scandals con-

Miyazawa's aides testify in parliament, opposition parties have been boycotting hearings since Wednesday.

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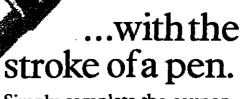
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World writers rally in support of Rushdie Friends and supporters of and Martin Amis will be it. He was confident he could among the speakers in the overcome it, but we were stars of the company's prodebate at London's Stationers' Hall.

Salman Rushdie, aged 44. mark his third anniversary this week of living under a death sentence with speeches, rallies and read-ins worldwide. His supporters say pressure is "gathering mo-mentum" on Iran to lift the fatwa issued by Ayatollah Khomeini on February 14 1989 against Rushdie for his book The Satanic Verses.

Rushdie has been in hiding ever since, living at secret addresses protected by armed police.

The biggest meeting will be a gathering of international writers and artists on Friday. to debate freedom of speech. Tom Stoppard, Günter Grass

President Carlos Salinas de Gortari of Mexico has apologized to Newsweek magazine for questioning the truth of a statement it attributed to him revealing Mexico's doubts about Cuba's economic policies.

Señor Salinas, replying to a question about the political survival of President Fidel Castro, responded: "The last time I spoke to Castro was last fall on the island of Cozumel. He explained his internal economic situation and how they are trying to reverse

While millions enjoyed last week's television programme, Elizabeth R, the Queen did not like watching herself, she admitted. A crowd of 200 applauded her when she left Sandringham church after morning service.
Mary Reiph, a Shouldham
villager, asked if she enjoyed
the film. The Queen replied:
"It's not much fun watching

A controversial production of Swan Lake received the royal seal of approval from Prin-cess Margaret at the week-end. The princess, patron of

skating fool. She was clearly supported by the sell-out audience at the Leeds Grand Theatre who gave a five-minute standing ovation at the end of the two-hour performance.

duction they had been brave

to go for a modern version of

the Tchaikovsky classic.

which included a mock

strippogram and a roller-

Maureen Reagan, aged 51, daughter of the former President Reagan, says she will seek the Republican nomination for a newly created congressional seat representing coastal Los Angeles county.

Maastricht on their minds

Unfinished European business is an election factor, writes Peter Riddell

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Turope should again become an election issue. The Maastricht summit two months ago resolved little; indeed, a lack of finality was the price of John Major's largely successful efforts to preserve party unity ahead of the election. His tactical victory may have taken the subject out of the headlines, but it did not settle Britain's place in Europe.

Not only are there many loose ends from Maastricht, but the supporters and opponents of greater centralism/federalism are already manoeuvring over the terms of the later debate. Douglas Hurd last week launched a preemptive strike while unveiling the ambiguous logo for the British presidency in the second half of this year, of a lion striding across the EC's flag, "a lion at the heart of Europe". John Smith and his party's economics team last week visited EC capitals to explain Labour's support for monetary union (and its desire to counter balance the independent central bank with a greater role for finance ministers). Whoever wins

the election, farreaching decisions will have to be taken in the next Parliament about Britain's relations with the EC.

Even some aspects of Mr Major's "victory" look less dearcut now. To talk of an opt-out from the social charter is misleading. Britain will relations with continue to play a full part in discussions on the social action pro-gramme. The

Foreign Office pointed out last week that 19 of 33 proposals so far tabled have been agreed and the government "expects in addition to be able to agree a number of the remaining measures". Only where a measure cannot be agreed will Britain invoke the Maastricht social protocol, allowing the other 11 countries to go their own way.

So the social protocol may be less a dam holding back the flood of Euro-socialism, as some ministers grandly claim, than an earth barrier to be used as a last resort. Within Whitehall some ministers and officials argue that, in practice. Britain cannot move too far out of line with the rest of the EC on standards of social and employment provision. Worries about any Community challenge to the changes in British union laws of the past 13 years seem premature. While a Labour government would immediately sign up to the charter, the real difference between the parties is the Opposition's greater support for an extension of EC activites in regional, industrial and environmental, as well as employment, policy.

So far the Maastricht treaty is merely one further stage in the EC's development, and a less important one than the Single European Act. rather than a commitment to a centralised Europe. That is why, last Friday at the signing of the Maastricht treaty, the supporters of closer integration were talking about unfinished business. Separately, the Bundesbank expressed concern that moves towards political

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union had lagged behind progress

on the monetary front. The British tactic has been to try to accelerate the pace of enlargement, not only for its own sake but also to ensure that this makes a centralist solution unworkable. Eager not to lose time, even five months before the start of the British presidency, Mr Hurd last week said the government's priorities would be completion of the single market and enlargement. He wanted to ensure an early start to negotiations with the Efta countries now putting in their applications, beginning with Austria, Sweden and Finland, so that they could join in 1995. Britain will also seek to ensure that the association agreements with Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia are treated as a preparation for full membership by 2000 at the latest, not as a

means of postpone-'Whoever wins up to 20 EC members by the end of the century. This would apparently produce 156 crossiranslation permutations, let alone all the other strains this might mean for institutions originally designed for six members. While the alleged choice between

deepening and widening is a false dichotomy, Mr Hurd rightly argues that enlargement on the scale envisaged is bound to change the structure. A larger, and more diverse, Community would make unanimity hard to achieve, while greater use of qualified majority voting, as favoured by the commission, could leave several aggrieved countries. The 'Maastricht treaty further increases the methods of decision-

Arcane though these questions appear, they are fundamental both to the shape of the EC and to Britain's place in it. To paraphrase Mr Major, can Britain at last be at peace with the rest of Europe? Last week, in evidence to the Commons foreign affairs committee, Mr Hurd sought to offer the reassurance that it would be "all right on the night" in face of the fears of sceptics such as Peter Shore and Ivan Lawrence about subordination to "alien institutions".

Both the main parties are reluctant to discuss the European question too loudly lest it reopen internal party divisions. It is all very well talking about the un-controversial goal of helping the new democracies of central and Eastern Europe via enlargement. But other questions are more awkward. The Tories are keen to bury the issue of monetary union for as long as possible and Labour will find it hard to excite voters with its case that Britain could not in practice afford to opt out from the single currency if it meets the conditions of convergence. Maastricht is a "victory" celebrated mainly by silence.

The dating of a mummified body in Tyrol offers a door to prehistory, says Matthew d'Ancona

arly one morning, five millenrila ago, a young man of high rank began an ill-fated mountain journey across a path that now joins North and South Tyrol. Cought in a blizzard at 10,000ft, he scurried across the glacier to the relative shelter of a mountain ledge, clutching his axe, bow and rucksack, depending on the straw stuffing in his coat and shoes to keep the cold at bay. But the elements in their fury overcame him. The traveller died a lonely and anonymous death. Last September, the iceman of

Hauslabjoch tumbled back into history, discovered by German ramblers exploring the Similaun glacier in the Val Senales. Academics, tourists and journalists swarmed to the scene to stake their claim to the find and to speculate about its provenance. For a while, the frozen body, which ended up at Innsbruck University, was thought to be the 500-year-old corpse of a soldier serving under Duke Ferdinand of Austria and the Tyrol; later, a Swiss woman identified the iceman as her father, who disappeared on the glacier in the 1970s.

The iceman speaks

skin, using the techniques that showed the Turin shroud to be a late mediated forgery. Their find-ings, based on the quantities of carbon-14 present in tissue, confirm tests carried out on the man's belongings at Paris and Uppsala, which suggested he was between 5,000 and 5,500 years old. The margin for error in this case is less than 1 per cent: so the iceman has at last been given a secure benth in history and the sceptics have been denied a second Piltdown.

This miracle of technology is also a priceless gift to the imagination, adding the flesh of time to the skeletal portrait that has already formed of the unlucky traveller. He may well have been a shaman, bearing a copper axe as a mark of status in an age when stone tools were the norm. He had certainly hunted on the day he died and caught a small animal, perhaps to eat with the sloes he had collected



A time-traveller from 3000BC

70 artefacts discovered round the body, which include a marble disc, 14 arrows and a patchwork gown. will slowly emerge a picture of an individual, his way of life, and his

peculiarities.
But it is the simple humanity of this find that makes it so rich and strange. We have here the tattooed

body of a finely featured, 20-yearold man who lived and breathed before the Bronze Age had swept central Europe, 3,000 years before the birth of Christ and 1,800 before Paris's love for Helen sparked the Trojan war.
On the day the iceman began

his final journey, the wheel was only a few centuries old. Stone-henge was still a millennium away, and the first pyramid had yet to rise from the sands. Egyptian scribes were perfecting their hieroglyphs on paper made from reeds, Mesopotamian farmers were trying out the first plough. and Europeans were beginning to rear horses. Through the dark glass of the iceman's face this mysterious age becomes a little

more visible. Digging up corpses forces us to confront equally ancient taboos and serious questions of taste and ethics. But our fascination is much more than morbid curiosity: it reach out and touch an otherwise irretrievable past. One of the most haunting books I have read is P.V. Glob's The Bog People, which describes Iron Age bodies preserved by peat in Den-

mark for 2,000 years. Glob's book. which inspired Seamus Heanev's masterly collection of poems. North, captures perfectly the resonance of such discoveries, and why they entrance us. We want to defeat the decay of the past; to humanise it. More than written records and artefacts, accidentally preserved bodies remind us that each of us stands on the shoulders of a thousand forgotten ancestors.

The magic of the Turin shroud was destroyed when the dons of Oxford dated it. But the iceman's grip on our imagination has been fortified by scientific confirmation of his antiquity, by the knowledge that he walked across the snow so long ago and now is with us again. Who will say 'corpse' to his vivid cast?" wrote Heaney of a body dug from its long sleep in a Danish peat bog. The same question might be asked of the strange man resting in a vault in Innsbruck and restored to the flow of time by the

Twas love on our first date

Bernard Levin celebrates a magical relationship with his pocket diary

ge signals itself in a thousand ways, almost all of them accompanied by a sneer. On the other hand, wise men learn to dispense with the impossible. I, for instance, have long ago faced the fact that I cannot run a mile in under four minutes, or for that matter in an hour and a haif, and the know-

ledge does not dismay me.
Death, of course, is less trifling.
Two of my dearest and oldest friends have been among those who have tiptoed away in the year gone by, and the toll inevitably grows longer all the time, and the years steadily shorter:

Then many a lad I liked is dead. And many a lass grown old; And as the lesson strikes my head My weary heart grows old ...

Happily, the years also bring in their merry recollections as well as their gloomy ones, and the further away is the past they emerge from. the merrier they are, however startling the realisation of their antiquity. Will a quarter of a century do? I

think it will.

In 1967, I was seeking the ideal pocket diary, and I was failing to find it. They were all either too thick and heavy to be easily accommodated in a breast pocket (I had long been a snappy dresser, the glass of fashion and the mould of form, for whom an unsightly buige was tantamount to unpolished shoes), or, if sufficiently slim, they provided too little space for appointments, notes and other entries. There was no problem with my desk diary, but I could hardly lug around something get-ting on for the size of a telephone directory. Letts were useless in the search, and the Filofax had not yet been born (though I would not have sported the horrible thing if it had - I chortled long and loud when it fell out of favour as rapidly as it had fell in); what was I to do? I can no longer remember what or who guided my steps to a firm called Day-Timers. I don't think they advertised at all, let alone

widely; their telephone number, as

I recall, was not even in the phone book then, though I am glad to say it is now. (I might as well give it to you all; they are in course of moving, because their present premises are once again too small, but only up the street — Kentish Town Road. Try 071-485 5252).

Anyway, I wandered into a neat office-cum-shop, and ten seconds later let out a scream; actually it was two screams - the first because I had found exactly what I was looking for, and the second because I hadn't invented it.

The place was run (at least I could not see or hear anyone else on the premises) by a couple, whom I subsequently discovered were husband and wife, a Mr and Mrs Elliot, Americans. Friendship soon exchanged formality for first names: the Elliots are Mervyn and Edna. But the friendship has lasted for 25 years almost exactly to the day on which I write here. Before I continue with the friendship, let me explain the trick

that solved my problem. The Day Timer has expanded over the years: you can get desk diaries and all sorts of office helpfulnesses. But what I was looking for took the form of a beautifully neat, spiralbound pocket diary which gave (and gives) two full pages a day, 6½ in by 3½. But how then is the breast-pocket bulge-problem solved? Simple: the thing comes in a box, wherein are found not one pocket diary but 12; there is a separate one for every month of the year. (Yes, yes; they have solved the subsequent problem of diaryentries for more than a month ahead; at the back of each book there are pages of summarised space for forward planning. months ahead.) Moreover, the whole caboodle comes with an exceptionally handsome leather holder, into which the current month's diary fits; but that's only the beginning - the holder is not just a holder but a wallet and notepad as well: everything a breast pocket will ever need (and there are even smaller, shirtpocket size ones) comes to the



modern man's or woman's hand. I can still recall in the greatest detail my first time on the Elliots' premises, because their American nelpfulness was so much greater than the surliness and ignorance that so many indigenous salespeople offered, and still do. Every question I asked was at once answered; every explanation was clear, the array of items I might be interested in was spread out before

me, whereupon the Elliots moved to the back of the store to leave me alone with the choices.

 I made my choices and bought the Day-Timer style C21; I paid by credit card. Shortly after I got home, I discovered that I had carelessly left the credit card on their premises; the place was by then shut. The phone rang: it was Mervyn, telling me that the card was safe and sound; he had traced

my address and had already sent on the card by registered post. The following morning he rang to make sure that it had arrived. I was then writing a column for the Daily Mail; I told the story and its background to my readers, what I didn't know was that the Elliots had only just set up in business in Britain (they were acting as subsidiaries for the

Day-Timer), and my encomiun gave them a hearty push. Twenty-five years have passed since that day; their business flourishes still — they have separated from their parent company to go it alone — and their son now largely runs the business. I send them, each year, my new book, and they send me my annual Day-Timer, this time, when I dropped in, I apologised for the fact that for the first time in 11 consecutive years there wasn't going to be a book in 1991. "OK," said Mervyn instantly, "you'll have to write one

company that had produced the

twice as long in 1992."
"We brought nothing into this world," wrote St Paul to Timothy, "and it is certain we can carry nothing out." I agree, not least because in the very same letter Paul urges his correspondent to abandon his habit of drinking water and try wine instead. But although of course the saint is right as to material things, surely his stem admonition was not intended to stretch as far as the words of friendship?

I hope not. It would be horrid to think that some kind of celestial customs officer, after clearing out the pockets of the prospective candidate for Heaven, and confiscating the money and the earthly treasures, went on to demand also my shakehand with Mervyn, and the kiss bestowed on me by Edna. And if he can unbend that far, would it be too presumpmous for me to bring my Day-Timer, too?

...and moreover Matthew Parris

sees a lifetime flash before him in a moment. Who knows? But we do have dreams: strange dreams in which little things, symbols that have branded themselves into the memory, tumble together in surreal confusion.

They disconcert. I try to make

sense of experience: 10 file Heseltine with Henley, hairstyle, and House of Commons (my membership of, 1979-86); Peru with poncho plain journey and paperback (my first, 1991). And then I catch my un-conscious mind, like a thief in the night, emptying files on the floor, stitching together dreams that have no bearing, inserting memories that don't belong. How subversive is the memory! On Thursday last the president of Peru visited Kew, and I wasn't drowning and I wasn't dreaming. I was there: 100 others will bear me out. Yet it

became a dream. The occasion started quietly. though unusually. The president had been invited to give the third Kew environmental lecture. Prince Charles gave the first in 1990, and Señor Fujimori told us. in the lecture theatre where he spoke, that it was an honour to come. The honour was also ours, for he had made a private journey — he has yet to make a state visit to Britain — to speak at Kew.

The president had, however. called on John Major and on Douglas Hurd. Mr Major will have liked him. Fujimori, too, unpolitical agronomist from a humble background to whom the Peruvians turned in desperation, their economy wrecked by party power-seekers. Nobody really knew him then, but Fujimori has emerged as a gentle but steely advocate of market economics. He is the first person of Japanese origin to lead a country outside Japan. Peru smiled when, on a state visit to the land of his ancestors, Fujimori alone, among Japa-nese courtiers of infinite social superiority, was not required to bow to the emperor.

The president amused and relaxed his Kew audience by reminding us that Peru's most famous export to Britain was Paddington Bear, "known for his charm and goodwill". Fuji-mori expressed the hope that he might follow the example. This is no place to summarise

a speech. It included the interesting point that destroying coca plantations to satisfy world opinion has accelerated the loss of rainforests: "For each coca hectare that this programme eradicated, eight new hectares appeared." The president also proposed that an area disputed between Peru and Ecuador be designated a bi-national park. It was a serious speech.

The vote of thanks, from Robin Herbert, president of the Royal Horticultural Society, was lighthearted. Formally, and on behalf of his countrymen, he thanked Peru for the potato. This marked the beginning of the dream. The reception was in comes from nowhere: a quiet, a conservatory.

As we crossed silent lawns to the crystal palace holding Kew's private jungle, the dream took hold Beyond the gardens' per-imeter wall was life: hum of traffic, aircraft lumbering above. But the gardens were a still, quiet pool of night. Daimlers and policemen stood motionless among huge, black trees. Surrounded by dark, the glass palace alone was floodlit in green and blue. We entered. It was raining — or, rather, a fine spray was hissing from a machine. The air was warm.

Fronds hung down from tropical trees and vines. Michael Hesel-tine was standing on a bridge talking to MORI's Bob Worcester. Beneath him swam a huge white fish, with whiskers. The president of Peru, a small, oriental figure in dark suit, was flanked by a man of European features in gold braid: his aidede-camp from the Peruvian navy. Waitresses passed among the trees and bushes with drink and sandwiches, and a South American Indian group in ethnic dress, Inti Nan, played piped music so vivid it hurt. I said hello to Mr Heseltine, and, after a while, departed to the adjoining conservatory: a silent desert,

cold, dark and dry. It transported me to a boyish expedition in the Sahara. I stood quite still, wine glass in hand, staring through the cacti to the floodlit jungle and Mr Heseltine. An underground train rattled in the distance. Sounds of Andean music drifted through my small desert, and tears, unaccountably, filled my eyes.

The Maggie and Bernard show?

WHEN John Major met Mrs Thatcher last week to talk over her role in the general election did the name Sir Bernard Ingham figure in their discussions? With Mrs Thatcher already receiving 150 invitations to speak during the campaign the idea has been mooted in Tory circles that Ingham might join his former

boss on the stump.

The prime minister is keen to have Mrs Thatcher on his side but some of his advisers fear she could paign is properly orchestrated. Mrs Thatcher is expected to go to constituencies being defended by some of her closest political friends, such as Michael Forsyth, the former Scottish Tory party chairman, who has a majority of 948 in Stirling, and Gerald Howarth, her PPS, who is defending the marginal seat of Cannock

and Burntwood. Wherever Mrs Thatcher goes a press army will be close behind, which is why support is growing for a revival of her famous double act. Ingham, who now has a busy career as a newspaper columnist and broadcaster, is intrigued by the idea. "Obviously I would want to do anything I can to help Mrs Thatcher. But I have not been approached, and my participation would depend on my work commitments. I am very busy."

Ingham, who was Mrs Thatcher's press secretary for the full length of her premiership, agrees there would be enormous interest in the former prime minister on the campaign trail. "They will want to see whether she puts her foot in it.". It is to safeguard against that that many Tories hope ingham and Mrs Thatcher will be reunited.



■ MPs were the first to complain last week about the Princess of Wales buying a Mercedes, so it is interesting to note the venue for the Commons Motor Club's outing this week: Mercedes-Benz UK at Park Lane. The MPs will testdrive the company's cars in Hyde Park. A rejoinder from the prin-

Maugham's pardon

SOME three months after it emerged that the diaries of the late Robin Maugham had gone missing an amnesty from prosecution has been promised if they are returned by the end of the week. The diaries, lost from the London home of Maugham's sister, Diana Marr-Johnson, contain 30 years of secret material about the life of Somerset Maugham.

An advertisement has been placed in Stage and Television Today stating: "The copyright holder of the Robin Maugham diaries" solemnly declares not to prosecute if the diaries turn up before Fri-

day, February 14."
That is the 11th anniversary of the death of Robin Maugham, the author's nephew. The advertisement was placed by William Lawrence, a friend of Robin, who was to receive half the proceeds fromany publication. Lawrence says: "The diaries were the definitive ac-

count of the Maugham dynasty. They are a great loss to literature. In a magazine article in March. 1980, Robin wrote of his diaries: Much of the material is of exactly the nature my uncle would have wished concealed." That may have something to do with their mysterious disappearance.

Big head "I AM going home," says Ged, the

diary's regular cartoonist, explaining his temporary absence this week. In fact, he is passing his week's holiday at Whipsnade Zoo. Spurred on by the example of Congo, the chimp whose paintings were exhibited at the ICA. Ged has



found a larger canvas for his cartoon animals: a 50ft by 30ft mural. It will depict an animal picnic. Asked how long the work will take, Ged says: "The usual. In at 3 o'clock and out by ten past." He will be released from his cage - or suite as he calls it - on Friday, and normal service will be resumed next week

Fulham Road. While she lived there Franklin worked at Birkbeck College on the x-ray crystallog-raphy images that played a crucial part in unravelling the DNA molecule. She was never allowed in the senior common room at Kings College, London, and in 1962 the Nobel prize went to James Watson, Francis Crick, and Franklin's colleague Maurice Wilkins.

Now English Heritage has put up a commemorative blue plaque on her flat at 22 Donovan Court, Drayton Gardens. Victor Belcher. head of the plaque scheme, says: "Franklin never received adequate recognition. We are particularly anxious to commemorate important women as 90 per cent of the 600 plaques put up in the last 125 years are to men.

All in the mind

IT IS farly easy to see what links Terry Anderson and Terry Waite. But what links Mikhail Gorbachev to Magic Johnson, the Prince of Wales to General Schwarzkopf, or the grand champion of Surno to the astronomer royal? All are finalists for the 1992 Brain of the Year award, organised by the Brain Club, which supports medical research on the brain. Only two nominees are women, the unlikely pairing of Madonna and Liz McColgan.

The winner is to be announced on March 30 and membership of the charitable club is open, says Suzy Churchill, the chief administrator, to "anyone willing to accept they have a brain".

 Members of the Tory party have been sent a weighty questionnaire Fame at last by the politics department of Sheffield University as part of a survey into what kind of people been honoured at last. In 1958 the politicial activists are. "Are you 38-year-old DNA scientist died in female/male? Please tick only one abscurity in a block of flats off the box," it asks intriguingly.

STAY HERE, AMERICA

If Europe is not careful, Pax Americana and George Bush's new world order could suddenly turn into Little America. So threatened Vice-President Dan Quayle and assorted senators at a Munich conference on security at the weekend. Fears of growing American isolationism, leading to an abnegation of any responsibility for Europe's security, have been heard since long before the end of the Cold War. They must now be taken seriously, the more so with the impending breakdown, at Europe's behest, of the current round of talks to boost world trade.

Americans have long complained of being forced to shoulder too large a burden of security on behalf of the rest of the world. Influential congressmen such as Sam Nunn and Mike Mansfield have for two decades lent their names to amendments calling for American troops in Europe to come home. Ever since George Washington cautioned "beware of foreign entanglements", isolationism has been a trait of the American character. It has either dominated American foreign policy or lain not far below its surface: as Churchill found when cajoling Roosevelt into the second world war. Only politicians schooled by east coast internationalism and foreign travel have prevented it bubbling up again since the war.

Their greatest ally was the threat of communist imperialism. As long as American engagement in the world could be seen in terms of good versus evil, their countrymen's imaginations could be kindled and their support won. President Bush, old enough to have fought in the second world war, is a natural internationalist and free trader. But he has to shout hard, even in his own party's primaries; to drown the seductive tunes of isolationism and its twin brother, protectionism, sung by Patrick Buchanan on the right and by many Democrats on the left. Without an evil empire to pray in aid and with a recession hurting industry at home, Mr Bush's task has become formidable.

Yesterday, his vice-president gave a warn-

ing that failure in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) talks could imperil the future of American troops in Europe, a direct and ominous linkage. General John Galvin, Nato's supreme commander, begged Europeans to convince American voters that they need a continued military. presence in Europe. Otherwise Americans will refuse to pay the bill for the defence of a continent that appears not only ungrateful but an economic rival too. Europe's bluff has been called on this matter before, this time

the threat is real.

The danger is that Europeans, still elated by the downfall of communism and their progress towards union, will be deluded by their own propaganda into believing that they really can take over their defence. The truth has to be restated. Europe still needs Nato's security umbrella, albeit reduced to match the lessened threat. No other country has America's military, intelligence and logistic capability. That was necessary to deter the known threat from the Soviet Union; it is no less necessary in a world of uncertainty and nuclear proliferation.

America would be foolish to retreat into isolationism and protectionism. While nuclear weapons exist, Americans can never regain the invulnerability they once possessed. In their police actions round the globe, in their adumbration of a new world order, they need friends. And since protectionism helped to tip the country into depression in the 1930s, how much worse would be the fall now that America's economy is so much more dependent on trade and overseas investment.

But American voters do not want to be lectured. They need to see a return on their investment in Europe's security; an investment that, if repatriated, could usefully be spent at home. Europe must show, by resolving its objections to Gatt, that it does not want to wage economic war on America. And for America's defence of their continent, Europeans should shout their thanks back across the Atlantic.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Drug misusers under police custody

From Dr Neville Davis and others Sir. Two months ago the Department of Health and its Scottish and Welsh counterparts issued a report entitled Drug Misuse and Dependence. Subtitled "Guidelines on clinical management", and written for doctors in general, it deals incidentally with drug misusers in police custody, nothwithstanding that no member of the medical working group which produced the report is primarily occupied with the care of offenders passing through

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police cells. Concerning opiates, it states that prompt treatment to limit withdrawal symptoms will help to reduce the risk of disturbed behaviour and ensure that the patient is fit to be interviewed". Their recommended "prompt treatment" is to administer methadone, another toxic opiate. This appears to be based on what we regard as the mythology of opiate abuse, that withdrawal commonly

produces horrific symptoms.

It is accepted policy in many police forces for forensic medical examiners (FMEs) that methadone should not normally be prescribed for persons in custody. The experience of police surgeons over many years has not identified serious symptoms ascribed to opiate withdrawal as a common occurrence. None of us can recall disasters due to this withdrawl, unlike that from alcohol,

benzodiazepines and barbiturates. Addicts notoriously exaggerate the amounts of opiates they misuse, and it is unsafe to base prescribing on their statements. When certifying fitness to be interviewed, police sugeons are on a hiding to nothing, since if no methadone is given, the defence will be that the offender was disabled by withdrawal; whereas, if methadone is given, the defence will be that he or she was under the

influence of this toxic opiate and therefore unfit to be interviewed.

The report is prefaced by a 1988 statement from the General Medical Council dealing with "HIV infection and Aids: the ethical considerations", asserting that:

It is . . . unethical for a doctor to withhold treatment from any patient on the basis of a moral judgement that the patient's activities or lifestyle might have contrib-uted to the condition for which treatment was being sought. Unethical behaviour of this kind may raise the question of serious professional misconduct.

Representing the views of most doctors caring for addicts in police custody, we consider that routine methadone substitution in these circumstances is ill-advised and unnecesssary, since safe and effective alternative medication is available to treat such symptoms as may arise. Bolstering the guidelines with an implied threat that failure to follow them might constitute "serious pro-fessional misconduct" defies understanding.

We remain, Sir, yours faithfully, NEVILLE DAVIS (Past President, Clinical Forensic Medicine Section, Royal Society of Medicine). E. C. A. BOTT (Chief Medical Officer,

Metropolitan Police). STUART CARNE (Senior Forensic Medical Examiner, Group 2. Metropolitan Police).

H. de la HAYE DAVIES (Honorary Secretary, Association of Police Surgeons), M. A. KNIGHT

(President, Association of Police Surgeons), RAINE ROBERTS (President, Clinical Forensic Medicine Section, Royal Society of Medicine). Redroofs, Windmill Lane, Arkley, Hertfordshire. February 5.

Medicine and the law

From Dr Norman F. Jones

Sir, Concern about the standards of professional expertise amongst police surgeons (report, January 27) reflects the fact that many doctors mistakenly consider that it is possible to teach clinical forensic medicine, in which police surgeons need to be proficient, to the average general practitioner in a fortnight or less.

Moreover, newly-qualified doctors are generally ill-equipped to face the many medico-legal problems which they will inevitably encounter in both hospital and general practice.

This royal college will hold its first basic course in the legal aspects of medicine in April, as part of an initiative aimed at correcting these defects. An advanced diploma in clinical legal medicine is also under consideration by the RCP committee

Metropolitan Police is in progress. Bearing in mind that medical expertise should be available to prosecution and defence alike, there

on the legal aspects of medicine, and

an efficiency scrutiny of the forensic

medical examiner service of the

is much to be said for establishing a trained and accredited panel of experts in clinical forensic medicine. It should be funded not by the police but by an independent body from which all sides in criminal matters would purchase the necessary exper-

Yours faithfully. NORMAN JONES (Chairman, Committee on the Legal Aspects of Medicine). Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrews Place, Regent's Park, NW1. February 4.

Falklands in review From Mr M. Barratt

Sir, Mr Lee Grey (letter, February 5) suggests that apportionment of personal blame to military commanders for errors of judgment is absurd and only adds to their anguish. Has he not considered the anguish of the families of those killed by such

Tragedies such as Bluff Cove and, more recently, the American air attack on British troops during the gulf war should be investigated thoroughly and openly, in order to establish the extent of any neg-

Whether a captain in the navy, army or of industry, those entrusted with command must accept personal

Verdict on Haughey

Sir, Your editorial on the resignation

of Charles Haughey, "Late but un-lamented" (January 31), fell far short

of providing any reasoned comment

on his 30-year career in Irish politics.

From the time he became leader of his party Mr Haughey received the

support of an average of 45 per cent

of the Irish electorate. This support

was based on significantly more than

what you dismissively term Mr Haughey's "roguish appeal" and the

He will be remembered by many.

not in the way you seem to wish, but

rather for the large body of progressive and imaginative legislation

which he introduced, particularly in areas such as care for the elderly and

the disabled, support of the arts and

the beginning of the regeneration of

He deserves far more than the

"warts only" portrait presented in

"twinkle in his eve".

the centre of Dublin.

PETER MacDONAGH.

34 Brighton Gardens,

Rathgar, Dublin 6.

your editorial.

Yours sincerely.

February 3.

From Mr Peter MacDonagh

responsibility for their gross errors of judgment

Yours faithfully, M. BARRATT, 100 Broughton Road, South Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford, Essex. February 5.

From Mr Tom Pocock

Sir, Of course I did not blame Admiral Woodward for the British deaths in the Falklands campaign, as Mr Grey suggests. Like all commanders, however humane, he had to bear the added burden of giving orders that lead to casualties - and, in his case, victory.

Yours faithfully, TOM POCOCK, Garrick Club,

Naina Yeltsin's name

Foreign and Commonwealth Office knew the name of the Russian president's wife until shortly before her arrival.

autobiography in Russian, Confession on a Given Theme, Yeltsin describes in fascinating detail how his wife acquired her first name: at birth, he writes, she was given the name of Anastasia and so registered. But as a little girl she was called for

She became so used to this name register office and had the name "changed in her (internal) passport

to Naina". Yeltsin adds: "I preferred the name Anastasia."

From Councillor Andrew Turner Sir, Six weeks' (or six years') delay in collecting unpaid community charge

The remedy, though, is not another rushed-through bill, but for councils, like the Inland Revenue, to be able to add interest to unpaid bills.

Your obedient servant, ANDREW TURNER 32 New High Street, Headington, Oxford.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number (071) 782 5046.

A human face when faulty towers fall

From Mr Julian Lloyd Webber

Sir. Michael Heseltine's excellent decision to demolish the Department of the Environment building in Marsham Street, Westminster (report and picture, February 7), should surely be the stepping-stone for the introduction of an "Eyesore Bill". As we have listed buildings, so we should have de-listed buildings eyesores which, by common agreement, should be knocked down at the first opportunity.

Imagine the transformation in our towns and cities as one "monstrous carbuncle" after another disap-appeared forever! Thanks, not least, to Prince Charles, modern architecture has begun to rediscover its human face, and Mr Heseltine's initiative at the DoE should spell the end of many a multi-storey car park and drab office block. What a victory for the citizen's charter that would

Yours faithfully.
JULIAN LLOYD WEBBER, c/o Philips Classics, I Sussex Place, Hammersmith, W6. February 7.

From Mr Michael Broome

Sir. As an occupant for some 20 years of what your leader writer describes as "one of London's least loved modern buildings", may I say a word in favour of 2 Marsham Street.

The joy of moving into light, clean. human-scale surroundings in early 1971, after the baronial gloom of the 1930s fortress on Millbank, was appreciated by all my colleagues. The sense of community engendered by the visual coherence of each floor meant that people working together

in a division could feel that they were

part of a small team. My brief spell in St Christopher House, Southwark Street, SE1, once renowned as the most modern office block in London, increased my appreciation of the quiet, light, working conditions that Marsham Street provided, and the intelligent use of colour coding helped to define

nents (yes!) in the other towers. Yes, the lifts sometimes stuck, as they do everywhere. Yes, the exterior was concrete as its worst. But from the inside, it was, for me, a pleasant and efficient working environment. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL BROOME, 30 Warren Road,

the home territory from the oppo-

Woodley, Reading, Berkshire. February 7.

From Mr David Montagu-Smith

Sir, The DoE buildings have been falling down of their own volition for years. The job should be finished, at no further cost to the Exchequer by the barbarians who put them up in the first place.

But why do we seem never to identify the real culprits? These are the individual architects and civil servants, accountants and planners, who designed and approved these and so many other horrors on our landscapes, and many of whom now doubtless wallow under the weight of honours, titles and self-satisfaction, after vandalistic careers which have

run their course. A witch-hunt is called for. Yours faithfully, DAVID MONTAGU-SMITH, 90 Oakfield Road, N4. February 7.

Scientists' sense of awe From the Astronomer Royal

Sir, In his speech on architecture

(report and text, January 31) Prince Charles made a moving plea to humanise our towns and cities. His remarks were marred, however, by his criticism of scientists - not least of their "mechanistic view of the universe and of man's place in it" and of their desire to "see the cosmos as a gigantic machine which could be examined, experimented with and manipulated by man for his exclusive

I would put it to the Prince that many of us are not like that at all. Our view of the cosmos yields an awe of the heavens and an awareness of another dimension beyond that of the material world. Furthermore,

like him we value tradition and we appreciate form and beauty -whether it be in the shape of a distant galaxy or the form of a snowflake.

In contemporary architecture I know of no finer sight than that of a great telescope dome, beautifully proportioned, on a mighty mountain top. Science can, and must, be brought more into play to help build our future harmony. Good luck to Prince Charles with his new Institute of Architecture; most of us are on his

Yours sincerely, ARNOLD WOLFENDALE, Astronomer Royal. University of Durham, Department of Physics, South Road, Durham.

Music teaching aims

From the Chief Executive of the Incorporated Society of Musicians

Sir. Mr David Pascall, chairman of the National Curriculum Council (letter, February 1), rightly hails the national curriculum for music as an exciting development which will benefit all our children. But his council's work so far has served only to jeopardise it.

The specialist music working group's proposals were wholeheartedly endorsed by the Welsh Curriculum Council earlier this year. By contrast, the NCC made no less than 60 amendments to them, and superimposed a list of detailed prescriptions.

On February 3 the secretary of state for Wales published draft orders which incorporate the working group's proposals in full, including the three attainment targets performing, composing, appraising
— which already form the basis of the curriculum in Scotland. Yet, on Mr Pascall's advice, the secretary of state has produced draft orders built on two attainment targets, with a halfhearted "weighting" towards practical work, and a mass of statutory requirements.

How has this divergence come about? The Welsh have decided to adopt a straightforward and logical structure, which is clear, practicable and easy to understand, for parents as well as teachers. The NCC, on the other hand, appear to have been

pursuing the chimera of "curriculum coherence".

Yet there is no relationship between their ideas for music history and the requirements for general historical studies. Rather, the NCC have arbitrarily imposed statutory requirements for studying particular

musical styles, forms and periods. They have undoubtedly made one sort of curriculum explicit. But what virtue or sense is there in compelling all pupils to study "symphony" or "oratorio"? Why not "concerto" or "opera"? And how will parents from non-Christian faiths react to compulsory doses of religious oratorio music for their 11 to 14-year old children?

The bulk of the NCC's misconceived and arbitrary suggestions is now enshrined in draft legislation for England. But it is not too lateconsultation runs until March 4. Mr Clarke can and must think again, for the sake of music in the United Kingdom as a whole.

His orders as they stand are a recipe for divisiveness and confusion, and risk undermining the achievements of the GCSE syllabus. The only sensible way forward is for him to adopt the working group's proposals in their entirety.

Yours sincerely, NEIL HOYLE, Chief Executive. The Incorporated Society of Musicians. 10 Stratford Place, W1. February 4.

Beetle risks

From Mr Peter L. G. Bateman Sir, Dr Norman Myers's advocacy of

the beetle (letter, February 4) should perhaps be tempered by some risk-vbenefit analysis. Woodboring beetles and carpet beetles cause but a small economic loss compared with the hundreds of species that devour much of the world's crops, both before and after harvest.

Store any commodity for long enough and a beetle will devour it and probably be named after it. The search for insect chemicals is also providing target-specific pest con-trol. Maybe we should also study insect psychology?

There is already a Confused Flour Beetle and a Depressed Flour Beetle that presumably have troubles of their own. And what should we learn from the Bombardier Beetle which aims and fires a weapon of boiling hot liquid propelled by rocket fuel? Or the bright but cold light of the glow-worm beetle?

The problem of course will be the use to which we put such knowledge. Think again about that cantharidine, Dr Myers.

Yours faithfully, PETER L. G. BATEMAN. Poynings,

The Limes, Felbridge, East Grinstead, Sussex.

Economic weakling? From Mr Charles I. Yarwood

Sir. I have been taking a bodybuilding course for several years. Before I started, people kicked money in my face, and I had to use both hands to bend my pay packet now it only takes one.

I am confused. Am 1 getting weaker or stronger? Yours sincerely, CHARLES YARWOOD, (Chairman), Imperial Buildings (Horley) Ltd., Highcroft, Bonnetts Lane.

Crawley, West Sussex.

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THE PROFESSIONS: ACCOUNTANTS Last week, The Times began a series of Monday editorials on "the forgotten supply side". Britain's great professions, scarcely touched by Thatcherism, face new insecurity in the Nineties Accountancy, long the epitome of unexciting probity, finds itself in the eye of a storm. Corporate scandal is heaped on corporate scandal. De Lorean, Polly Peck, Ferranti, British and Commonwealth, BCCI, now

Maxwell: the insistent question is, where Now the wind of change is starting to blow were the accountants? All the "Big Six" firms harder. Under the reforming real of Busics.—Coopers Deloine, KPMG, Ernst & Young, sor David Tweedle, the Accounting Stan-Price Waterhouse, Touche Ross and Arthur dards Board is imposing rules to outlaw the Andersen — have been involved in one or other of the recent problems. Some, such as Arthur Andersen in the De Lorean case, are now at risk from consequential litigation. The profession is racked by a crisis of confidence, under fire from the outside world, its leaders by no means certain that they know the answers.

Accountants are the private police force of capitalism. Without accountants, neither shareholders nor bankers nor creditors can be sure of those with whom they deal. If accountancy is rotten, then that rottenness spreads through the system and confidence is shaken. High standards are the profession's justification for its high rewards. The Big Six are partnerships. They do not publish their profits but these are known to be substantial. The services of a partner cost hundreds of pounds per hour.

Partners justify these fees on the ground that they need a reward on the capital they invest in their business. They argue correctly that they are subject to unlimited liability if they fail: in theory, a mistake made by a junior practitioner in an outpost of a big firm could lead to the personal bankruptcy, jointly and severally, of the partners in that firm. But these arguments are not convincing when professional failure goes unpunished. Accountants did not spot the BCCI fraud until too late, yet they are now feasting on the corpse, depriving those whose savings they failed to police of an estimated £1.5 million a week. Unravelling the Maxwell millions is

yielding similarly extravagant rewards. Not all accountants are under hostile public scrutiny. The public sector accountants, represented by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, live blameless if sleepy lives. Thousands of accountants in private practice also devote themselves quietly to filing clients' tax returns, though they are turning to financial services to earn a living. The management accountancy profession is concerned more with company efficiency than with propriety. If the directors are satisfied with their services, there is no reason for the rest of the

community to question them. Controversy lies elsewhere, in the area of corporate governance and the accountants' role in its reform and regulation. If there is no change here, then there will be no recovery in the battered image of the profession as a whole. Accountants, like lawyers in the United States, will be the butt of every cocktail party barb, watchwords for rapacity and sharp dealing.

Reform has not been entirely neglected. The profession is not as hog-tied by artificial barriers as others. The big accountancy firms have been able to diversify into corporate finance and staff recruitment, offering the customer one-stop shopping. The government has allowed the industry to regulate itself under company legislation. Sir Gordon Borrie at the Office of Fair Trading removed some restrictive practices, such as the bar on advertising. Yet the supply-side radicalism of the Thatcher years did not go far. It is symptomatic of a residual conservatism in accountancy that there are no fewer than six professional associations for the industry, including separate ones in Ireland and Scotland. They have failed to achieve sensible amalgamations. They still confuse their regulatory functions with their job of promoting the profession and its

creative accounting of the Eightes. The Auditing Practices Board is trying to improve shareholder information; while the Cadbury Committee brings accountants, the Stock Exchange and industrialists together

to reform corporate governance. What ought to be the next priorities? First, it will no longer do for company bosses to appoint their own auditors, any more than crooks should be allowed to appoint chief inspectors of police. Audit often brings with it lucrative consultancy for the firm in question. At present, the executive directors of a company can too easily threaten to remove the auditors if they pursue their enquiries too energetically. All auditors should be appointed by an audit committee of the board, comprising non-executive directors only. Auditors should play a more active role, commenting on such issues as whether company cash flow has been properly assessed, and the adequacy of internal

reporting procedures. Rules to restrict and perhaps even prevent the same accountants auditing for a firm and advising it through consultancy are essential. Present practice allows the same firm to do both. This gives a company too big

a financial lever against its accountants. Secondly, more competition between accountants is needed. There are no set fees for accountancy, and a degree of price competition now exists. Fees are in practice the result of a tug-of-war between a company's finance director and its auditors. Neither can be really sure what is reasonable. Only the marketplace can decide that. But it would decide better if accountancy partnerships were forced to publish their profits. This would provide an objective guide to prices. If, as accountants claim, fees are being so far cut as to endanger the quality of audit work, then their low profits will

demonstrate that fact. Thirdly, that spreading plague of every British profession, legal liability for negligence, needs consideration. Twenty years ago, if error was made, the customer invariably paid. Transatlantic custom has since spread. Today the customer often sues. If the De Lorean case is decided against Arthur Andersen, the partnership could be liable for a crippling \$1 billion in damages. The accountants can insure, but only at a cost which is high and rising. Sense is needed on all sides, but mostly from the courts. They should not punish those firms that fail to spot deeply hidden collusive fraud, but should penalise those who fail to spot what ought to have been obvious. Unless the courts show such sense, the big accountancy firms may be undermined, or at least send their charges through the roof.

Many accountants, but not all, wish they could be left quietly to get on with business in peace. Some time ago, this might have been an option. But the work of accountants is now permeated with statute law, with litigious clients and market pressures. A wellordered profession has great opportunities in the rest of Europe. It needs to prove that the emerging structure of statute-based selfregulation will remove existing conflicts of interest and restore public confidence. A quiet life is no longer available.

Garrick Street, WC2.

From Mr Hugh Lunghi Sir, You report ("Tea and empathy with Naina", January 31) that nei-ther the Russian Embassy nor the

As long as two years ago, in his first short, in the family, Naya or Naina.

that, when she started work as an adult, she found it difficult to adapt to her officially registered first name of Anastasia. So she went to the

Yours faithfully, HUGH LUNGHI. 23 Glen Road. Fleet, Hampshire.

Poll tax disparities From Mr Rodney Thomas

Sir. There is a tendency in pay negotiations and settlements to emphasise percentages as the principal means to maintain differentials and award "fair" and "comparable" increases. Without regard for the resultant implications in terms of the real increase in purchasing power. this merely leads to a situation where "unto him who hath shall even more

be given". For example, for the same percentage increase to be awarded, say, to a nurse earning £12,000 per annum and to a dentist earning £40,000 per annum would work much to the ad-

vantage of the latter, in real cash. An illustration of how misleading this obsession with percentages can be has been provided by the recent news that the Western Isles Council, which lost so much money as a result of the BCCI collapse, has set its poll tax for the coming year, with an

Yours faithfully. RODNEY THOMAS (Housemaster). The Caffinites. Durham School, Durham.

bills undoubtedly adds to the costs falling on local authorities.

increase of 469 per cent. Their new bills are to be about £122 per person. It would have needed an increase of more than 1,000 per cent for the tax those fortunate people will be paying next year to come even close to the amount I pay in Durham.



COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM February 9: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Parish Church this morning.
The Reverend Canon George

Hall preached the sermon. By command of The Queen, the Viscount Long, Lord in Waiting, was present at Heathrow Airport. London, this afternoon upon the arrival of The Amir of the State of Qatar, and welcomed His Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE February 9: The Princess of Wales departed from Heathrow Airport, London, this evening for a tour of

The following were present and took leave of Her Royal Highness: Mr Krishna Rajan (Acting Indian High Commissioner) and Mrs Rajan, Air Commodore J. F. Langer (representing Her

Greater London), Sir Donald Logan (Foreign and Common-wealth Office) and Mr Robin Baxendale (Manager, Special Facilities, Heathrow Airport Limited). Mrs James Lonsdale and Wing

Commander David Barton, RAF. are in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE

February 8: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Patron, was present this evening at the Northern Ballet Theatre's World Première of Swan Lake held at the Grand Theatre, Leeds. Her Royal Highness received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Yorkshire (The

Ingrow).
The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr Larry Adler, mouth organist, 78; Field Marshal Sir Nigel Bagnall, 65; Sir Michael Bishop. chairman. British Midland Airways. 50; Mr Danny Blanch-flower, footballer, 66; Miss Olwyn flower, footballer, 66; Miss Olwyn Bowey, painter, 56; Mrs Elisabeth Carson, lieder singer, 100; Dr Alexander Comfort, phy-sician, poet and novelist, 72; Professor J. Heslop-Harrison, botanist, 72; Lord Milne, 83; Mr Greg Norman, golfer, 37; Lord Ore-Ewing, 80; Group Captain Sir Gordon Pirle, 74; Miss Lenntyne Price, sonrano, 65; Sir Leontyne Price, soprano, 65; Sir Idwal Pugh, former Ombuds-man, 74; Miss Gail Rebuck, chairman and chief executive, Random Century, 40: Air Mar-shal Sir William Richardson, 60: Mr Justice Rose, 55; Mr Mark Spitz, swimmer, 42.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a performance of Don Giovanni at the Royal Opera House, Covert Garden, at 6.55 in honour of the 40th anniversary of The Queen's cess Margaret, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke and Duchess of Kent will

The Duchess of York, as President of the Sports Aid Foundation, will attend a dinner at Guildhall at

RAF Regiment

A service to commemorate th 50th anniversary of the Royal Air Force Regiment was held yes-terday at St Clement Danes, Strand. The Rev A.T.R. Goode, resident chaplain, officiated and Air Vice-Marshal D.R. Hawkins, Commandant-General of the Regiment, said the regimental

prayer.
Warrant Officer B. Williams and Air Vice-Marshal D.A. Pocock read the lessons and the Rev K. Maddy, regimental chap-lain, gave an address. Among those present were:

those present were:
Marshal of the RAF Sir John and Lady
Grandy, Marshal of the RAF Sir Denis
and Lady Spotswood, Marshal of the
RAF Sir Mchael and Lady Beetnam,
Marshal of the RAF Sir Reich and
Lady Spotswood, Marshal sir
Roger and Lady Pallin, Air Chief
Marshal Sir Michael and Lady Grydon,
Air Marshal Sir Michael and Lady
Simmons, Air Marshal Sir Michael
and Lady Thomson, Air Marshal Sir Michael
and Lady Thomson, Air Marshal Sir Michael
and Lady Alcock, Air Marshal Sir John
and Lady Walker, Air Vice-Marshal and
Mix T Garden, Air Vice-Marshal and
Mix M J Pilkington, Mr and Mix D M
Spiers and Mix D E Hawkins,

Christening

The infant son of Lord and Lady Bruce was christened James Andrew Charles Robert by the Rev Norman Grant at Limekilns Parish Church on Sunday, February 2. The godparents are Lady Georgiana Bruce. Dr Martha Holmes, Mrs Tim Pendry, Mr Alastair Bruce of Crionach, Senor Pedro Delclaux and Mr Jonathon

Nature notes

FINCHES are beginning their spring songs and calls. The first chaffinches are singing, with the sun shining on their pink breasts, and greenfinches are making their long, slurping note be bouts of excited twittering. However, the most prominent

singers at the moment are the great tits, who have a ringing double note, sometimes rapid and invent, sometimes slower as though they were savouring the sounds. They look keenly from left to right and twitch their tails all the time they are singing.

Magpies are making a variety
of calls: apart from their regular chanter, they have a cry that sounds like a creaking rowlock, and a kind of breathy bark. Rooks

feeds her, the female bows less deeply in reply.

Ash seeds are now falling fast,

are courting on their old nests,

soon to be patched up: the male bows to the female and sometimes



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while the young ash saplings send up tall shoots with coal-black buds from the tops of hedges. Butter-cup leaves are coming up on madside verges in some places they have formed broad carpets, but not all of them will be followed by fourse since other leave will by flowers since other plants will overtake and smother them. Ground ivy is already coming

scholar, a statesman and a military commander, who succeeded in serving with equal and uncompromising lovalty both his God and his king. His religious writings still influence traditional

The year 1992 is historically a significant one for Spain, for it is the

500th anniversary of the discovery of

America by Columbus and it is also 500

years since the glorious tradition of

Jewish life in Spain came to a cruel and

bitter end. Sepharad 92 is a programme launched by the Spanish government to commemorate this sad event in Jewish

Spanish Jewry was stunned by the

expulsion. It was decreed by King Ferdi-nand and Queen Isabella, who often

publicly admitted their gratitude to Jew-

ish countiers: one of them, Abraham

Seneor, was in part responsible for their

marriage, which united Castile and Ara-

Though Jews had lived in Spain from

Roman times, Spanish Jewry became well established and influential after the

Arab conquest in the eighth century, Many Jews felt that Spain was their hew

promised land. Arab leaders wisely

allowed Jewish culture to flourish and in

turn used Jewish talent to enhance their

society. The Jews in Muslim Spain and

a choice of careers and occupations

totally denied to them in most other

countries of the time. For example,

Samuel Ha-Nagid (993-1055) was Vi-

zier to King Habbus, the Berber ruler of

Granada. He was at once a poet, a

gon into modern Spain.

history.

through which the civilisation of the Arabs and that of the classical world before them were transmitted to Christian Europe as it emerged from the Dark Ages. The astronomical tables used by Columbus for his voyage had been prepared by Abraham Zacuto, a rabbi who had studied at Salamanca University.

Mr Mark Rimell, elder son of Mr and Mrs Philip Rimell, of London SW1 and Miss Joanna Sinclair.

younger daughter of Wing Commander G.L. and Lady Bridget Sinclair, of Great Durnford, Wiltshire, were married on Saturday at All Saints' Church, Middle Woodford, near Salisbury, Wiltshire

Abraham Levy

Learning from a Jewish tragedy

language, the Jews acted as a channel

The synthesis of cultures created great challenges for Spanish Jewry, for it had to evolve a type of religion which could go hand in hand with its active participation in the life of the country. Traditional Judaism as is practised today would be very different without the contribution of Spanish Jewry. Jewish liturgical and secular poetry reached new heights of excellence, as did Jewish philosophy. This period also saw the develop-

ment of the codification of Jewish law. The Talmud is a vast sea of religious thought and miman wisdom, but it lacks logical order. The same subject, for example, can be referred to in different and sometimes unexpected places, and its deliberations are expressed with exto summarise the Talmud started in Babylon, from where the Sephardim hailed, but the work of codification was taken up eagerly by Jewish scholars in Spain. Moses Maimonides (1135-1204), born in Cordova, is the outstanding codifer of Jewish law and was one of the most brilliant men of his age.

Though there had been sporadic persecution throughout much of the stay of the Jews in Spain, from 1391 their fudaism. position quickly deteriorated. A pogrom Having become masters of the Arabic in Seville that year was soon copied

In 1492 openly practising Jews were finally expelled from Spain and only those who were prepared to convert were allowed to remain. Many who had converted to Christianity hankered for their Judaism. They fled to countries where the Roman Catholic Church and the Inquisition had no influence. Hence the arrival of Conversos, or Marranos as they were known, in London in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, preceding the official resettlement of Jews in England in 1657 under Cromwell. Sepharad 92 is a welcome attempt by the King of Spain and his government to

throughout Christian Spain and result-

ed in relentless persecution. The church offered the Jews the choice of baptism or

death and large numbers chose the

former in sheer desperation. The glory

that was Spanish Jewry was no more.

express their regrets and apologies for the actions of their ancestors.

The first duty of Sephardi Jews on this special anniversary is to remember those countless Jews who suffered death, torture and other calamaties at the hands of their tormentors. Then we must ciously accept the spirit of reconciliation now offered to us by the Spanish people. But perhaps most of all, Sepharad 92 should prompt Sephardim to recall the great Jewish culture that developed in Spain and learn from the way it was achieved.

Rabbi Dr Abraham Levy is the spiritual head of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Congregation, London, and co-author with Lucien Gubbay of a new book, The Sephardim, published by

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.H.W. Anderson and Miss B.I.A. Versolate

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The engagement is announced between James, only son of Mr Douglas Anderson, of Palaia, Italy, and Mrs Guy Titley, of Mariborough, Wiltshire, and Beatrice, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Adriano Versolato, of Belgravia, London.

Dr M.S. Byford and Miss J.M. Johnson

The engagement is announced between Mark eldest son of Mr R.K.S. Byford, of South Benfleet, Essex, and Mrs A.D. Allum, of Eye, Suffolk, and Juliet, daughter of the Rev A:A.D. and Mrs Johnson, of Sherborne, Dorset.

Mr.A.J.B. Madrod and Miss F.A. Bates The engagement is announced

between Bruce, only son of Mr and Mrs Keith MacLeod, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Fiona, youngest daughter of Captain Richard Bates, RN, and Mrs Bates, of Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr TJ. Miller and Miss C.C. Reynolds The engagement is announced between Tim, son of Mr and Mrs

Anthony Miller, of High Hurstwood, Sussex, and Clare, daughter of Mrs Pam Reynolds and the late Mr Brian Reynolds of Woodhouse Eaves.

Mr B.A. Morrison and Miss L.C. Blackford

The engagement is announced between Bruce, son of Mrs Anne Hughes, of Hawkhurst, Kent, and Mr Michael Morrison, of Brussels, and Lara, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.N. Mr G.F. Parmenter and Miss G.M. Hansford

The engagement is announced between Geoff, son of Mr and Mrs O.T. Parmenter, of Northbridge, Sydney, Australia, and Gillian Marie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Hansford, of Camberley, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr M.P.R. Rimell and Miss J.R. Sinclair

The marriage took place or Saturday at the Church of All Saints, Middle Woodford, near Salisbury, Wiltshire, of Mr Mark Rimell, elder son of Mr and Mrs Philip Rimell, of London, SW1, to Miss Joanna Sinclair, younger daughter of Wing Commander G.L and Lady Bridget Sinclair, of Great Durnford, Wiltshire Canon John Reynolds officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Elinor Egna, Lucy

Smith, Henry Smith and Archie Sinclair. Mr Miles Rimell was A reception was held at the home of the bride and the

honeymoon will be spent abroad

Mr R. Flemington

and Miss R. Moxor The marriage took place or February 8, at St Margaret's Lothbury in the City of London, of Roger Flemington, son of the late Mr and Mrs Harold Flemington, and Miss Rosemary Ann Moxon, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Leonard Moxon.

The bride was attended by Mrs Valerie Barcilon and was given away by Mr John Moxon, Mr Jack Atkinson was best man.

The Royal Society of Chemistry

The following were admitted as Fellows of The Royal Society of Chemistry on January 24, 1992. They are entitled to use the designation 'Chartered Chemist' and the letters CChem FRSC:

and the letters Cchem Proc.:

W R Ashcroft, A Barnes, J R Beil, R M
Beichamber, R Brockbank, R C Brown,
M C Cade, J Chambers, R S Chaudham,
K B A Chie, G D'Sirva, S J de Mora, F E
Dunsten, O M E H Ri-Dusouqui, G
Griffiths, B J L Kilby, B W Langley, G J
Leigh, Z M Lerman, F S Limiewood, R G
McCune, A G Osborne, T L Pepparin, R T
Pisxton, C J Pinck, L H Fowell, M S
Rayoo, I M MacL Ross, F J Sheridan, G
A Suess-Fink, M Thompson, E
Tomilinson, M J Tratiles, C D S Tuck, D
Werkwood, D R Woods, G T Woods, M
Yus.

Roedean

Roedean School is pleased to announce the following Scholarship Awards:

Imalor Academic Scholariany
Margarate Fabre, Temple Grove School,
Uchfeld; Hermione Piggot, Roedean;
Madeleine Tyler, All Saims Church of
England Primary, Blackheath.
Imalor Metals Scholaria; Honeysucide,
Ballard School, Chich-

runi. Roeden: Camilla Macpherson, Roedean: Tyen-Nin-Tay, Roedean, Belk Form Awards: Sara Al-Bader, Roedean; Jane Akinson, Penrice Com-prehensive, St. Austell; Tara Gloson.

Roedean School is holding Open Days on Saturdays, May 2 and June 13. Further details can be obtained from the Admission Secretary on 0273 603181

Air Marshal Sir Nigel Mills

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Air Marshal Sir Nigel Mills, KBE, will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 1992, at noon_at St Clement Danes

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Lamb, essayist, London, 1775; Samuel Plimsoil, the "sailors' friend", Bristol, 1824; Boris Pasternak, poet and novelist, Moscow, 1890: Harold Macmillan, 1st Earl of Stockton, prime minister 1957-63, London, 1894; Bertolt Brecht, dramatist and theatre director, Augsburg, Germany, 1898.

DEATHS: Aleksandr Pushkin writer, killed in a duel, St Peters-burg, 1837; David Thompson, explorer in Canada. Longeuil, Quebec. 1857; Sir David Brewster, philosopher. Allerby. Melrose, 1868; Joseph Lister, 1st Baron Lister, surgeon, pioneer of antiseptic surgery, Walmer, Kent, 1912; Wilhelm Konrad von Rontgen, discoverer of X-rays. Nobel laureate 1901, Munich, 1923; Edgar Wallace, writer of thrillers, Hollywood, 1932.

Memorial service

Mr C.R. Allison A memorial service for Mr Chafter Ralip FAIIIson was held off Saturday in the Chapel of Brent-wood School, Essex. The Rev Harry Eden -- school chaplain, officiated.

Mr John Evans, headmaster, read the lesson and from John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress. Mrs R.J. Toosey, daughter, read Peace ' Henry Vauehan and Mr Jack Higgs gave an address. The Bishop of Bradwell pronounced the blessing.

Earl St Aldwyn

Aldwyn would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to all those who have sent messages, letters, flowers and donarions in his memory. These have been deeply

BARCKHAM - See Sparks.
EVANS - On February 3rd, to
Cilly (née Marshall) and
Huw, a son, Thomas
Alexander Griffith, a brother
for Sophie and Truffie. JONES - On January 30th 1992, to Lorraine and Nick of Hove, East Sussex. (daughter, Sarah Louise, ; sister for Lise.

BPARKS - On January 11th to Caroline Barrham and Rod Sparks, a son, James Freder-ick Parker.

WELLS On February 3rd to Victoria (nee Hurst) and Michael, a beautiful son. Mark James Lestie. MARRIAGES

MAYS-SMITH:NUGENT
The marriage took place on Friday February 7th 1992. at St. Andrew's Crurch. Chaddleworth, of Mr Martin Mays-Smith and Lady Eliza Nugent.

BENNETT - On February 4th, Frank, AFRAeS, Sgn Ldr treid al home following an iliness, borne with great courage Dearly belot ed hus-hand of Betty. Funeral service 11.00am Tuesday February 11th at West Nor-wood Crenatorium, SF27.

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BEWAM - On February 5th suddenly in hospital after a short illness. Prof. Vaughan Thomas Bevan aped 39 jears. Unitersity Sentor Lecturer in Law of Ramtoor. Sheffield. Dearly loved son of Hugh and Mary. very dear brother of Jane and a much loved nephew and coustn. Service al St. Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield on Thursday 13th February at 2 00pm followed by cremation at City Road Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations for "Neurocaremay be sent to John Heath & Sons F.D.. 14 Earsham Street, Sheffield & 71.S.

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BURGESS - On February 5th suddenly. Vincent (Vin) aged 59. beloved husband of Katle, father of Jane. Mark and Amanda. Service at St Mary's College Chapet. Thursday 13th February at 11mm Chustes and enoughtes. 1 1am. Flowers and enquiries to F W Paine Lid. Twickenham. Donations if desired for The Princess Alice Hospics c/o the above.

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husband of Ruth (d.1973)
and Peggy. Father of Mark
and Jeremy. Private
cremation. Memorial service
at Harrow to be announced.

GRIMTHORPE - On Saharday, 8th February 1992, peacefully at home. Angela, wife of the late Lord Crimthorpe, betoved mother of the late Richard. Catherine. Rupert and William, and dearly loved grandmother. Funeral at St Helen's Church, Amotherby, near Matton, Yorkshire on Friday, 14th February at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired to Yorishire Cancer Research Campeign, 39 East Parade, Harrogate N. Yorks HGI SLQ

NNIES - On February 6th, at home after a brave fight against Cancer. Margarel Colquiroun Lockhart lines much toved wife of the late Sir Charles lines of Coston. 1th Bt. and dear mother of David and Daphne and Grandmother of Alastair. Dione. Jonathan and Katharine. Cremation at Guildford Crematorium on February 13th at 4 p.m. Family flowers only. but donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign. 2 Cariton House Terrace. London Swi y 5 AR.

JACKSON - On February 5th

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friends. Funeral Mass at
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MERRETANGEM - On
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Advertising Executive and Publisher. of London. England. after a courageous barile with cancer. Survived by his wife. Diana. Gaughters Victoria and Sara. son Marcus. and sister Joan Stratford. His entraordinary gifts of intelligence, warmint and generosity earned the love and admirration of all who knew him.

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de de Piminster Church. Taumbol on Friday February 14th at 2:30pm. Family flowers, An Memorial Service with behid in London at a later date.

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(b) A Jewish Christian sect that arose c. AD 100 in the country east of the Jordan. They took their name from their sacred writing the Book of Elkesti, which professed to contain the revelation given to Elkesti ("sacred power") by an angel 96 miles high. ANTEPENDIUM

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The family of Michael, Earl St Church, Strand, London, WC2. Service dress: full ceremonial.

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1992, after a courageous
fight against cancer, Nina.
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5th 1992, at Addenbrookes
Hospital, Cambridge, Brenda
Joan, aged 83, peacefully
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Saviour and Lord, Loving
wife of the late Anton and
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Fumeral at Roseford Chapel.
Perse Way. Cambridge
10.30am on Friday
February 14th followed by
interment at Sulton Road
Cemetery. Southend-on-Sea
at 2.15pm.

COCKBURN - On February
4th 1992. tragically, Richard
aged 34. Louing son of Gill
and Bill and grandson of Kay
Purdoe. Funeral service at
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Nil on Thursday February
13th at 11am. Flowers to
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EVERALL - On February 3rd 1992 after a short illness. Peler Robert (Major), aged 61 years and is now resting peacefully in Jersey, Louing father of Robin, Geoffrey and family. The funeral service took piace in Jersey on Monday February 10th 1992. Hw Maillard & Son Lid. Funeral Directors, telephone (0534) 37291.

GREENSTOCK - On February 6th 1992, in his 87th year, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, John Wilfrid, of Sheepscombe.

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JACKSON - On February 5th
1992, peacefully at her home
in Reigate. Surrey. Many
Theresa (Mollie), ince
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wife of the late Jock Jackson.

to the church on the morning of the service.

MILLS On February 7th. peacefully in a Nursing Home near her daughler. Evertida Louise Tindali (Gran). Widow of Eustare. erstwhile rector of Benington. Heris. Funeral at St. Ceorge's Church. Wrotham Kent on Tuesday February 11th at 2pm followed by privale cremation. Trankostving service at St. Peter's Church. Benington on Saturday February 22nd at 12 moon. Family flowers only, donalions if desired to St. Peter's Church Benington or St. Christopher's Fellowship c/o Viner and Sons Limited, 84 High Street. West Mailing. Kent.

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OBITUARIES

SIR EDWARD RAYNE

Sir Edward Rayne, CVO, royal shoemaker, former chairman and president of the British Fashion Council and international bridge player, died on February 7 aged 69. He was born on August 19, 1922.

THE pebble glasses and transatlantic phrases of Sir Edward Rayne made him a distinctive figure in London fashion circles during the iast 40 years.

in that time he transformed his family's firm, the shoe retailers H. & M. Rayne, into an international business, and then took a similarly businesslike approach to lifting the British fashion industry to the point where it could at least claim the same degree of attention as Paris and Milan. He retired as chairman' of H. & M. Rayne five years ago, and that company has since undergone changes of ownership. But he retained his keen interest in ensuring that clothing manufacturers and retailers worked more closely with designers - and that designers kept more of an eve on the till.

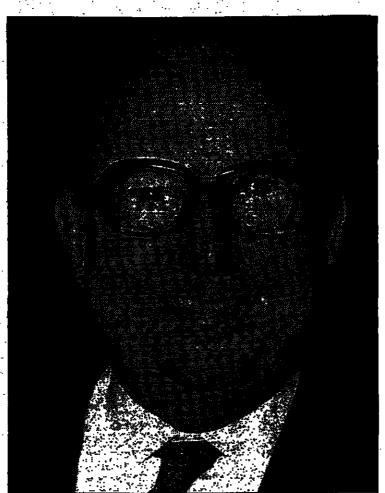
Edward Rayne was born in America, the homeland of his mother Meta. who came from Le Roy, near Rochester, New York, and met his father while training as an opera singer in Italy.

The family business was begun in

1889 by Henry and Mary Rayne as a theatrical costumier by the Old Vic in Waterloo Road, south London. In 1918 Rayne's father, Joseph, took over the shoe side of the business, leaving the rest to his brother. Joseph opened his first shop in New Bond Street in 1920, when increasing numbers of women were wearing shoes as a fashion item. This trend developed so rapidly that only 15 years later Queen Mary awarded H. & M. Rayne its first Royal Warrant. The business had already been successful enough to go public in

Lillie Langtry, was one of its customers and a pair of flat, bowed pumps, originally designed for Ger-trude Lawrence, remained the company's best selling style for 50 years, worn by royals and other well turned

out, ladylike dressers. Edward went to Harrow but had



to leave at the age of 16 because his eyesight was threatened by cataracts in both eyes. Operations saved his sight but forced him to wear thick pebble spectacles. That handicap barred him from active service in the second world war, so in 1940 he would arrive at the firm's King's Cross factory at 7.45 every morning to learn the 200 steps required to make a pair of luxury shoes. Two hobbies that his eyes did not deny him were playing golf and cards. As a young man, Kayne developed into an international bridge player, representing England at 21 and becoming part of the British team that won the European championships in 1948 and 1949.

In 1951, aged only 29, he became chairman of H. & M. Rayne on his father's death. The company was exporting to 12 countries and such customers as Vivien Leigh, Rita Hayworth, Marlene Dietrich and

Ava Gardner were paying up to £40 — equal to more than £450 in today's money - for crocodile shoes. In 1961 Edward Rayne formed a joint company with the Delman shoe firm of the US, cementing a link which went back to his father's day and gave Rayne shoes exposure on New York's Fifth Avenue.

He was the first to sell shoes designed by Mary Quant, Roger McCann and Jean Muir. But Rayne also had an interest in the mass and Lotus chains of shoe shops. In 1970 Rayne became the first British shoemaker to open a shop in Paris since Lobb of St James's had done so. 70 years previously. Five years later he sold the family business to Debenhams, the London department store group, and through that became a director of Debenhams and chairman of Harvey Nichols, the Knightsbridge store.

In 1977 the Queen appointed Rayne a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order. The family had by then been supplying shoes to the royal family for over 40 years and still holds Royal Warrants from the Queen and the Queen Mother. Rayne was president of the Royal Warrant Holders' Association in 1964 and honorary treasurer from 1974 until last year.

The Burton Group bought Debenhams in 1985, and two years later the new owners sold H. & M. Rayne to a businessman. David Graham. At that point Rayne retired. The firm was sold again in 1990 and is now controlled by Ensign Trust, an investment group. Marks & Spencer shrewdly recruited Rayne on his retirement as a consultant for its growing shoe

However, for nearly 20 years he had been broadening his interests from shoes to the rest of the wardrobe. In 1960 he became chairman of the Incorporated Society of London Fashion Designers, the first non-dressmaker to reach that post. The ISLFD was the forerunner of the British Fashion Council. Rayne realised that the British clothing industry was being needlessly by-passed in favour of Paris. There was nothing wrong with the designs but they were not being properly execut-ed or promoted. So he set about applying business techniques to the industry, persuading major com-panies like Courtaulds to provide financial backing. He banged the drum for Britain in America and persuaded US buyers to visit while in London on their way to or from

In 1985 he became a founder member of a "gang of six" - with Sir Terence Conran, Lady Hender-

market through the H.E. Randall son (wife of Sir Nicholas Henderson, the former British ambassador in Paris and Washington). Beatrix Miller (former editor of Vogue), designer Jean Muir and Sir Roy Strong to lobby for government support. and recruit royal patronage, for the industry. As head of the British Fashion Council, he used his considerable charm — and global contacts - to chivvy store groups, publishing companies and the more successful among British fashion manufacturers to sponsor the trade exhibitions and shows staged by up and coming designers - his "little darlings" that make up London Fashion week. He was the perfect host to the international store buyers and press

who arrive in London twice yearly. Rayne also encouraged the Burton Group to set up a school of business management at the Royal College of Fashion. He continued to take an active part in the running of the London Fashion week as honor-

ary president.

As these activities grew, he became a tireless supporter of industry associations. He was president of the British Footwear Manufacturers Federation, the British Boot and Shoe Institution and the Clothing and Footwear Institute, a member of the Export Council for Europe, the European Trade Committee and the Franco-British Council.

In 1981 Rayne was the first shoemaker to be elected master of the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers. Pattens are undershoes originally meant to keep shoes free of mud. He was twice decorated for his contribution to the fashion industry. The first, in 1984, was the Chevalier de L'Ordre Nationale du Mérite from the French government for furthering Anglo-French com-mercial relations. Secondly, in 1988 Rayne was knighted for his work on behalf of the British Fashion Council.

Sir Edward was a man of style and panache, who applied an American breeziness to the once-stuffy British clothing trade and brought more commercial tactics to what had been a lacklustre industry. He is survived by his widow, Morna, and two sons, both of whom followed their father into shoe retailing.

APPRECIATIONS

Bishop Gerald Mahon

ON HIS bedside table in the Littlehampton Hospice where Bishop Gerald Mahon (obituary February 7) spent his last months, there was a Hebrew prayer book. Dia-logue with those of other faiths was always important for him.

For several years he was an active vice chairman of the Council of Christians and Jews. He had been active in the International Catholic Jewish Relations Committee and one of his last articles explained why the Anglican decade of evangelism should not imply active prosely-tisation of the Jews. He was a modest man, reluctant to accept honours and only hesitantly accepted the award for furthering Christian Jewish relations which bears his name.

He was very helpful in defusing the Auschwitz Convent dispute which soured for a while the progress of the dialogue. To this end he accompanied my wife and I to the Rome headquarters of the Carmelite Order to which the convent belonged.

Later he publicly called for

the implementation of the previously agreed removal of the convent to a site just outside the perimeter fence

where the new multi-faith

I am personally grateful to him for arranging in 1986, on the 20th anniversary of the

Nostra Aetate, my investiture

as a Knight Commander of

Gregory the Great at West-

centre was also to be built.

minster Cathedral Hall. He also in 1990 organised an audience with Pope John Paul resulting in a Papal declaration that anti-Semitism is a sin against God and humanity.Bishop Mahon attended many annual confer-ences of the International Council of Christians and Jews in many countries where he made a great contribution and was loved by all. He radiated warmth, goodwill and good humour.

Sir Sigmund Sternberg

Sir Roger Ormrod

THE main obituary for Sir Roger Ormrod (January 9) paid tribute to his lifelong links with the worlds of medicine and social work. He was, indeed, chairman of the University of London's largest

postgraduate medical school. the British Postgraduate Medical Federation, from 1979 to 1986. He steered the federation wisely through the stormy times of the first cuts and rationalisation in the universities, setting the foundations for it to prosper in the more competitive years since.

Sir Rex Richards

JEAN-LOUIS JEANMAIRE

Jean-Louis Jeanmaire, Swiss traitor, died on February 5, aged 81.

UNTIL his retirement Jean-Louis Jeanmaire was a brigadier-general commanding Switzerland's Air Raid Protection Corps. a non-combat unit, and as a member of the general staff had inside knowledge on all branches of the army. In 1977, however, at the age of 67, he was convicted of passing Swiss military secrets to the Soviet Union and sentenced to 18 years in prison. He was released for good behaviour after serving 12 years and had spent the three and half

for rehabilitation. For six years from 1969 Jeanmaire was chief of Swiss air defences. He was found guilty of passing vital Swiss defence data between 1962 and 1975 to the Soviet Union. He admitted passing documents on mobilisation plans for Switzerland's militia army to a Soviet military attaché in Berne in the 1960s but maintained they had little

vears since then campaigning

had been made the scapegoat for a bigger Swiss security leak to the East Bloc that soured relations with the Uni-ted States. Even before a preliminary investigation into the case had been completed, Kurt Furgler, a gov-ernment minister, dubbed him Switzerland's "traitor of the century".

Jeanmaire's motives for

military value. He claimed he

passing information re-mained obscure. At his trial he betrayed a certain fascination with the attache, Vasily Denisenko, who he said had reminded him of "the great Russian officers of the Tsar".

"He showed more interest in me than my superiors did." he added. In an interview last year he admitted Denisenko was the lover of his Russianborn wife Marie-Louise, against whom complicity charges had been filed but were later dropped.

Jeanmaire continued to protest his innocence, citing his fervent anti-communism. He had been attempting a third plea for rehabilitation when he died.

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EDWIN WHITEHEAD

Edwin C. Whitehead, a self-made multi-millionaire who became one of America's leading philanthro-pists in the field of bio-

medical research, died of a heart attack on February 2 while playing squash at his home in Greenwich, Connecticut, aged 72. He was born in New York City on June 1, 1919.

JACK Whitehead, as he was most commonly known, was the epitome of the American dream. He began with virtually nothing, amassed an enormous fortune and devoted the last decade of his life to using it for the benefit of mankind. The latter achievement proved more difficult than the former. "It's easier to make \$100 million than to give it away," Whitehead once said in frustration after two attempts to found institutes in bio-medical research had stirred controversy in ac-

ademic circles. He was trying to establish the concept of a privately endowed centre operating independently in the heart of a university, and finally succeeded with the foundation of the Whitehead Institute. which borders the campus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It is now recognised as one of the leading

bio-medical research centres in the world. MIT had approved the establishment of the institute in 1981, but it took many months of negotiating with professors fearful of losing



their academic independence before work could begin. Whitehead made an initial gift of \$7.5 million, then spent \$35 million on building and equipping the institute. After that he pledged another \$100 million, with \$5 million to be given annually, and the balance from a trust after his death. It was one of the largest philanthropic gestures ever made by a private individual.

The source of all this wealth sprang from a \$5.000 loan which Whitehead and his father obtained in 1939 to open a one-room office in the Bronx. Their company, which they called Technicon, was set up to manufacture laboratory equipment. The business took off some years later when Whitehead teamed up with a Cleveland

pathologist, Dr Leonard Skeggs, who had invented an automatic blood-analysis machine to speed up and improve diagnostic procedures. The machine was so successful that Whitehead was able to sell the company to Revion in 1980 for \$400

After the sale of his business. Whitehead became president of a Californiabased investment firm and threw himself into his philanthropic work. It was, he said, an effort to return something to the well, and he was loud in his condemnation of corporate leaders who failed to give adequate support to scientific research and education. Once, sitting next to John D. Rockefeller III at a business lunch, he described corporate giving as "a pimple on a watermelon". Rockefeller invited him to stop by for a

serious talk. In addition to the Whitehead Institute, he helped to support Research America, a Washington-based organisation promoting public support for bio-medical research, and gave generously to New York University and the Hastings Centre where scientists and scholars debate the ethical problems arising from

bio-medical research. Edwin Whitehead was married four times. Three of his marriages ended in divorce, and his third wife, Elizabeth, died in 1983. He is survived by two sons, a daughter, and six step-

BARBARA COUPER

Barbara Couper, actress, died on January 10 aged 89. She was born on January 3, 1903.

BARBARA ("Barney") Couper was not a star, nor would she have claimed to be. She was, rather, a "leading lady", one of that almost vanished breed of British actresses, who through their innate style, impeccable diction and wide experience could be safely relied upon to grace the leading roles in plays of any period from Shakespeare to Shaw and bevond.

She received her stage training under Kate Rourke and Alice Gachet at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and made her professional debut at Norwich, in December 1925, as Cicely in The Boy Next Door. Her first London appearance was at the Arts Theatre in 1928, as Maria in The Power of Darkness.

In the Thirties she made several appearances at the Embassy, Swiss Cottage, one of London's most imaginative theatres which was often used to try out plays for a possible West End run, in parts as varied as Emily Bronte in The Brontes of Haworth Parsonage, Mme de Montholon in Napoleon, Mrs Dearth in Barrie's Dear Brutus and Judith Montague in Distinguished Gathering, which later transferred to the St Martin's. In 1936 she went to Stratford for the season with

roles ranging from Beatrice



to Goneril. She was in the Auden-Isherwood The Ascent of F6 when it came to the Old Vic in 1939.

At the Westminster Theatre in 1946 she played Eleanor Dawson in Frieda and at the same theatre later that year gave one of her most memorable performances as Adelyn Chilcot in James Parrish's Message For Margaret. At an early Edinburgh Festival, in 1950, she played Queen Margaret in *The Saxon* Saint, and in the following year appeared, again at the Embassy, in a very different role as Helen Allistair, the baleful proprietress of a home for unmarried mothers, in Women of Twilight, which

transferred to the Vaudeville. During the run she became close friends with Vida Hope, who was playing her maid, and this led to an entirely new departure. In 1958 Vida Hope asked her to take on the role of Mrs Eulalia Hurstpierpoint in Sandy Wilson's musical version of Ronald Firbank's Valmouth. Despite her vast experience, she professed herself terrified at the prospect, but, when Valmouth opened at the Lyric. Hammersmith, she was triumphant and announced that she could not wait to do another musical. Vida Hope obliged by casting her in Innocent as Hell and, in 1963, in the Player's Theatre production of House of Cards. which moved to the Phoenix.

Her stage career was curtailed in the late Sixties by the necessity of caring for her husband, the BBC producer Howard Rose, who had suffered a leg amputation after a thrombosis. She continued to perform in films (among them, one of the St Trinian's extravaganzas) and on television and radio, and also wrote scripts for radio, including a definitive version of

Jane Eyre. In 1982 she was asked to appear in the Chichester The-aire revival of Valmouth, but was not well enough to do so. She did, however, go to see it and had a joyful reunion with the other members of the original cast, Bertice Reading, Fenella Fielding, Doris Hare and Marcia Ashton.

By nature modest and retiring, Barney Couper was, in private life, a devoted wife, a witty and loyal companion and an expert cook.

FEB 10 ON THIS DAY



Franco Zeffirelli's keenly awaited production of Mozart's opera Don Giovanni had a notable cast but The Times critic seems to have been disappointed by what he called an atmosphere of early romantic gloom.

MOZART OBSCURED BY ROMANTIC GLOOM

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	David Wan
Conductor	Coord Cale

Don Giovanni was at long last given again at Covent Garden last night in a new production by Mr Franco Zeffirelli. The conflict between the "dramma giocoso" of the libretto's titlepage and the romantic passion of certain sections of the score is notorious, and provides every producer with a challenge to resolve it, or at least to keep the two elements so equally balanced that equal justice is done

to both.

It might have been supposed that Mr. Zeffirelli, who has sometimes (in his Glyndebourne Elisir d'Amore, for example) lavished ingenuity on recreating the atmosphere of early performances, would take up this challenge and give us a Don Glovanni in which passion and dry humour were equally blended. Instead he has chosen to bathe almost his entire production in an atmosphere of early romantic

gloom and grandeur.

Of the extremely elaborate sets (so elaborate, it must be said, that in spite of the use of a drop curtain the musical flow was broken time and again while they were changed) the key one would seem to be that in which Don Giovanni himself meets his doom - a vast baronial hall lined with gigantic suits of armour. It is, surely, the great hall of the Castle of Otranto, and indeed what bet-

ter place could there be for so

sombre a supper-party? And

yet it has also to serve for the entertainment in the first act, and it makes an incongruous sening for the serving of light refreshments and the mingled strains of minuet and ländler. This contradiction is symp-tomatic of the entire visual side of the production. If one mentions the visual

aspect of this production first. It is simply because it is in this that Mr Zeffirelli's contribution is most conspicuous. As elaborate as his sets (and more consistent in style) are the costumes he has devised sumptuous in richly sombrecolours encrusted with gold. It is clearly his intention to create an atmosphere thick with passion, heavy with sensuality, but what he has achieved as a designer he has missed as a producer. Of the upper-class characters only Giovanni himself achieves real individuality in Mr Cesare Siepi's hands lean as a greyhound and with a streak of self-destruction in his very energy.

The orchestra played as well as they always do for Mr Solfi. yet the result was in some way strangely inhuman, alternating between extremes of tension and languor. The performance as a whole certainly had grandeur yet Mozart's infinitely diverse humanity remained only partly realized; a film of romanticism blurred the entire conception.

IGNACIO BERNAL GARCIA

Ignacio Bernal Garcia Pimentel, archaeologist died at his home in Mexico City on January 26 aged 81. He was born in Paris on February 13, 1910.

IGNACIO Bernal's distinguished career in the pre-Columbian archaeology of Mexico was highlighted by his excavations and surveys in the state of Oaxaca, especially at the great site of Monte Alban where he began his studies under the guidance of the late Alfonso Caso. The rich finds of gold and precious stones made in the early 1930s in the pre-Aztec ruins at Monte Alban were compared in the press at the time to those made in Tutankhamen's tomb in Egypt.

A contemporary account in The Times, capturing the worldwide excitement aroused, reported that Caso and his team, which included the young Bernal, had discovered that they were approaching, at the foot of a stairway 150ft wide, a central tomb. "Working in their enthusiasm 14 and 16 hours a day to

last to a flat, carved tablet in the ceiling of the tomb.

"The treasure inside the tomb exceeded all expectations. Entirely covering the mummies of ten Caciques of the Mixtec nation was a heap of cups, urns, vases, jars of onyx, jade, and rock crystal, together with numerous ornaments and utensils of gold inlaid with turquoises."

Bernal's investigations at Monte Albán, as well as at the Oaxacan sites of Coixtlahuaca, Mitla, Yagul, and Dainzu, were crucial in providing the important information that has carried the story of the rise of the Zaporecan and related civilisations well back into the first millennium BC and that has revealed just how these civilisations are interrelated with the other early cultures of Mexico and Central America.

In addition, Bernal directed field investigations in other parts of Mexico, including large scale excavations and architectural restorations at Teotihuacan, near Mexico City. The results of all these studies were made available remove debris, they came at to his archaeological col-



Ignacio Bernal and a Zapotec um from the

Besides these more strictly technical studies, Bernal's reputation also rests on his clear and engagingly written general books which include Tenochtitlan en Una Isla (1959); The Olmec World (1969); and A History of Mex-

ican Archaeology (1980).



pre-Aztec ruins at Monte Albán

tions of high quality.

leagues in detailed publica- This last, which traces the origins and developments of the science of Mexican prehistory, shows its unique and close relationships with Mexican political life in the centuries immediately following

the Spanish conquest. Bernal's outstanding career in archaeology was marked by distinguished ser- daughter of the famous Mexi-

administrative posts, among these professorships at both the National University and Mexico City College. He was a moving force in the establishment of the new and handsome Museo Nacional de Antropologia on the outskirts of Mexico City, and he served as its director from 1962 to 1968 and, again from 1970 to 1977. He was also director (1968-1971) of the Instituto Nacional de Antropologia e

vice in both academic and

Historia, Mexico's parent foundation for archaeological and all other anthropological research within the country. Bernal was a visiting professor at many universities, including Harvard, California (Berkeley), the Sorbonne, London, Cambridge and Oxford.

His early education was in France (1922-26) and Canada (1927-30). In the 1930s he studied law at the National University of Mexico but in the 1940s he turned to archaeology. In this he was following a family tradition. His mother was the grand-

Ignacio Bernal ("Nacho" to his family and friends) was a man of great polish and charm. At one period, in the 1950s, he was his nation's

cultural attaché at the embas-

can historian, Joaquin

Garcia Icazbalceta.

sy in Paris.

Bernal's father, according to "Nacho", had strong roots in the past. One day, in 1922, when they were visiting in Brussels, the elder Bernal announced to "Nacho": "Today, my son, we are to pay a call on our Empress." They travelled to a palace where they were ushered into the

presence of the late Mexican

emperor Maximilian's for-

mer consort, the Empress Carlotta_ Maximilian, the brother of Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria, had ruled Mexico from 1864 to 1867 and by the time of Bernal's visit Carlotta was a very old lady and had been mentally infirm for

many years. Bernal is survived by his widow, Sofia Verea Bernal, and their four children, Concepcion, Rafaela, Ignacio. and Carlos and their families.

Patten warns MPs over the humbug of happy families

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CHRIS Patten, the Conservative party chairman, yesterday warned politicians against the "humbug" of protesting at intrusions into their private lives when they were not above exploiting their image as "happy family men".

Mr Patten's remarks.

which he coupled with a renewed plea for a clean fight. represented a new twist in the acrimonous argument about election campaign tactics. They will also be seen as a comment on the ethics of press involvement in the exposure of Paddy Ashdown's affair with his former secretary. However, they are also influenced by Mr Patten's plans to make John Major's leadership qualities a key

THE Paddy Ashdown affair

has caused a deep division in

the Conservative Central Of-

fice general election team. Shaun Woodward, the par-

ty's communications director,

and Andrew Lansley, head of

the research department.

have clashed over the decision

to supply a 52-page dossier

on Mr Ashdown to the BBC

Chris Patten, the Conserva-

tive chairman, and Mr

Woodward first knew of the

party's involvement with the

programme when they read

about it in newspapers. Mr

Patten, anxious not to give credence to suggestions that

the party was involved in

dirty tricks, ordered an imme-

That found that Mr Lan-

sley made the decision to

hand over the dossier without

consulting the Tory high command. Mr Patten was

described as being at the end

of his tether over the dossier

and Mr Lansley has given Mr

Patten a written letter of

Central Office survivors from

the Thatcher years, has never

seen eye-to-eye with Mr

Woodward, a former produc-

er on Panorama and News-night and editor of That's

Life, who was appointed by Mr Patten. The research de-

partment, which supplies

Mr Lansley, one of the few

diate investigation.

Panorama team.

campaign theme. If such personality politics are to be declared entirely off limits, that would badly dent the Tories strategy for winning a fourth term in power,

Yesterday, Mr Patten lauded Mr Major at the Young Conservatives conference in Eastbourne, saying that his generous instincts, aspirations and commonsense were wholly in tune with the British people. Mr Major was "the right prime minister for the Nineties".

Mr Patten later told reporters that while he did not like digging around in people's mate and understandable for the public to consider "per-sonal leadership qualities" as

Conservative MPs with anti-

Labour propaganda, and the

communications department

will virtually run the election campaign, so it is vital that

the directors work well to-

gether. But Mr Woodward

and Mr Lansley communi-cate only when they have to.

The timing of the disclo-

sure, the day after Mr Ash-down admitted his affair, was

particularly embarrassing for

Mr Patten, who had already

refused a request to appear on

the Panorama programme

and had spent several days

claiming that the Tories ab-horred smears and dirty

The material was said to be

bland and compiled largely

from published sources, but

the decision to give it to the BBC in the present political climate has put question marks over Mr Lansley's

judgment. Conservative

nerves will be frayed further

by the disclosure that his de-

partment is compiling a dos-sier on all Labour and Liberal

Democrat MPs and on can-

didates in marginal or safe

Opposition seats.
The man behind the opera-

tion is Dr Julian Lewis, Mr

Lansley's deputy. His brief is

to find anything politically damaging, but excluding gossip about candidates's

personal lives, central office

Ashdown affair

splits Tories

well as principles and poli-cies. "The problem is in politics we cannot be too 'humbug' or sanctimonious about it," Mr Patten said. Let me say what I mean without in any way giving endorsement to hunting under the bed.

"In politics, an awful lot of us, when it comes to an election, have a picture of our wife and our family as an indication that we are happy family men. To some extent, when we do that, we lay ourselves open to people who wish to prove the contrary. I do not like that sort of politics. I think it's disagreeable, but to some extent we make a rod for our backs."

Mr Patten linked his criti-cism of double standards among politicians with a replea for a clean campaign. "It is overwhelmingly in all our interests to make this campaign about leadership, competence and the record, but above all about the policies we want in the next five years," he said. Commenting on an NOP/

Independent on Sunday poll putting Labour four points ahead of the Conservatives, Mr Patten said the parties were pretty well level, bouncing about either side of 40 per cent. However, he said underlying trends favoured the government because its support

John Major said yesterday that he hoped that the election campaign would not be dirty. "It should be a crisp campaign that deals with the policies," he said. "I hope that will be the campaign the other parties will fight."

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Patten: new plea for dean campaign



Stony faced: Donald Buttress, wide-eyed and open-mouthed as he encounters his gargoyle caricature bound for Chichester cathedral

Rabbi's prayer is answered too well

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

Middle East was braced for what was widely predicted to be another year of drought, Rabbi Israel Meir Lau, in keeping with the traditions of his brethren across the country, began to pray en-thusiastically for rains to quench the thirst of his

parched land.

Evidently somebody must have been listening, because the heavens opened and the Holy Land has since been drenched by a downpour of truly biblical proportions. Is-rael's weather bureau confirmed yesterday that this winter's rainfall has beaten all records since they began 142 years ago. Roads have been washed away, power-lines brought down and for the third time this year, Jerusalem was this weekend

covered by a blanket of snow. The Sea of Galilee, which this summer fell to a dangerously low level, was vesterday rising at the rate of a centimetre an hour, while the Joxdan river, usually little more

Cairo Cape To
than a stream, has burst its banks for the first time in 40 years. Across the region, the same picture is emerging with avalanches burying whole communities from Turkey to Lebanon and rain washing away crops and roads from Alexandria to raeli chief of staff during the Gulf War, says the flooding has cost more lives and caused more damage than

last year's Iraqi Scud attacks. When meteorologists in-sisted that the precipitation was purely a natural phe-nomenon — an act of God — Israelis turned on their holy men, who have been asked to account for the effects of their rain prayers. The dilemma now facing the tabbis is how to ask for the flooding to stop without seeming un-grateful to the Almighty for his over-generous response to their call, but under mounting public pressure, Rabbi Lau admitted yesterday that he is now praying

for clear skies.

Nursing a four-year grievance

Continued from page 1 estimated 35,000 nurses are still waiting for their appeals to be heard, of whom 1.400 have progressed through the district and regional stages to reach national level.

The NHS management expects 10,000 eventually to reach this level, but last year. only 87 cases were heard by the national panel. "At that rate it could be well into the next century before the appeals are cleared," said Phil Gray of the Royal College of

So far 27 per cent of region-al appeals and 36 per cent of national appeals have been upheld. Some nurses have collected more than \$5,000 in back pay. But for others the wait has proved too much.

Ann Coombs, a night sister at Dulwich hospital, south London, since 1969, resigned after waiting three years for her appeal to be heard. She finally decided to leave after her sister's uniform.

Case histories, page 3

US threatens to abandon Nato

Continued from page 1 issued a warning against allowing the issue to turn into a clear-cut choice between Gatt and Nato "because a good number of Americans in their present mood want to get out jos the Alliance anyway". Subsidies "gnaw at the vitals" of friendship. "We are headed towards a precipice which I don't think the Europeans understand wet and this is a

understand yet and this is a potential tragedy." If Gatt were not completed by July 1, congress's Farm Act would automatically come into force, lifting subsidies, dumping crops and giving farmers cheap loans. "Everyone will be very angry then."

Manfred Wörner, the Nato

secretary-general, said that even though Japan and Europe should shoulder more of the security burden. America, as the only remaining superpower, was indispensable to it. Nato was the only way to ensure global security countries of Eastern Europe were turning to the alliance in their search for stability. On

Gatt, he said: "If that question is not satisfactorily dealt with, we risk a profound crisis

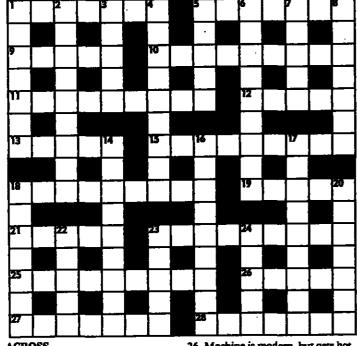
in the transatlantic alliance." Field Marshal Sir Richard Vincent, chief of the defence staff, gave a stark military happen if the United States left Europe to go it alone. "For political purposes we will pretend we have a military capability and, when the need arises, we will discover we haven't got a capability at all," he said.

The conference agonised over other issues, from limiting nuclear proliferation to the architecture of new "interlocking organisations" for stabilising the world.

The Americans have withdrawn about 50,000 servicemen from Europe so far. as part of their plan to haive their military presence to 150,000 men and women. Some experts believe that the number could eventually fail below 100,000.

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By Philip Howard

ANTEPENDIUM

a. The Saturday before Epiph

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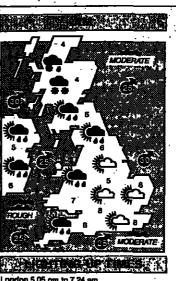
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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

MAN OF THE WEEK

Hit man mixing oil and hot water

B ob Horton is tarely out of hot water for long. For years he was British Petroleum's hit man, sent in to sort out disasters. In the early Eighties, it was Horton who took the axe to the loss-making chemicals business. And when someone was needed to knock some sense into Sohio, BP's they called for Horton. Fearsomely bright and energetic, he loves nothing more than a good confrontation. So it was no surprise to read last week that the sparks had been flying at BP's hoard meeting — though ru-mours of a split board-room are stoutly dismissed by Horton. None

the less it would be surprising if BP board meetings were calm, peaceful affairs. P has always been an intensely pol-itical place, which suits Horton down to the ground. His avowed ambition as a student at St Andrews university was to be either prime minister, or chairman of BP. As Horton battled his way up the corporate ladder, his main rival for the top job was the quieter, less aggressive David Simon. Clearly there is still a Simon

has seen BP's price fall

following, and the car-nage in the oil sector that

Horton: sparkling

from 361p to 278p in past years has not helped Horton's popularity.
At St Andrews he embraced student politics not to mention acting. fencing and debating. He flirted with politics, ioining the Bow Group with contemporaries such as Leon Brittan and Norman Fowler.

orton has been chairman of BP since March 1990, a period described by one insider 2s "a reign of terror". Over 2,000 heads have rolled and there are more to come. Last week, the nutrition division was deemed no longer a core business. suggesting it is for sale. The fourth-quarter figures out on Thursday are expected to make grisly reading, causing specu-lation on the dividend. The market is listening for any hint of boardroom disunity. Just back from America, where he preceded President Bush as an after dinner speaker, he should be in sparkling form.

JUDI BEVAN Comment, page 19

Use of Euro money surges 25%

Banks promote ecu to fourth in currency league

A SURGE in the growth of the ecu financial markets last year means that the European composite currency has become the fourth most important currency used by banks.

Figures from the Swissbased Bank for International Settlements (BIS), published today, show that ecu denominated international banking transactions grew by 25 per cent during the nine months to the end of last September. The total ecu assets of

banks in Europe and Japan at the end of the period were E175.7 billion (£125 billion), or 5 per cent of the total of their internationally traded currency holdings, compared with E80.7 billion in 1987. Only the dollar (55 per cent). the mark (13 per cent) and the yen (6 per cent) were more important. There is, however. still little evidence of the ecu being used as payment in commercial transactions, according to the BIS.

The success of the ecu reflects the acceleration of progress towards European economic and monetary integration seen last year, which was accompanied by a flurry of ecu denominated bond issues from sovereign borrow-ers, including the British government.

This process has continued in 1992 and last month saw a E1.5 billion 30-year bond issue from the French treasury, the first issue of any size in that maturity. In the nine months to last September,

E24 billion of new bond issues were announced, an unprecedented 12 per cent of all international bond issues.

Although most ecu trading is still accounted for by speculative dealing between banks, the non-bank sector has grown at an even faster rate. Over the past three years, ecu denominated assets held by non-bank European residents have grown by an average of 50 per cent annually to reach E28.7 billion.

Residents of Belgium and Luxembourg, traditionally the most active private investors in the international bond markets, accounted for E4.9 billion of the total. British residents had deposits of E3.3 billion.

The BIS says: "The ecu has benefited from the commitment demonstrated by the governments of the European Community towards the creation of a European economic and monetary union."

Ecu use has been helped by



officially backed competition for market shares of what is the world's fastest growing traded currency. This has been demonstrated by substantial issues of ecu securities by governments, which has increased the depth and liquidity of the ecu secondary market and facilitated the growth of derivative products such as ecu futures. The secondary market in ecu bonds has grown tenfold since

In the banking market, London has been the main victor in the struggle for market share. At the most recent reporting date, it accounted for 27 per cent of total ecu assets compared with 20 per cent at the end of 1985. Meanwhile, the Paris share declined from 28 to 14 per cent and that of Brussels from 16 to 11 per cent. However, for futures products, the Paris-based MATIF exchange remains dominant.

The BIS says the ecu has also benefited from the "virtu-al absence of official regulation restricting the scope of activity" of the currency, which has given it "a competitive edge over some of the other currency sectors of the international securities

Development of an efficient settlement system for ecu transactions has encouraged the financial community to deal in the currency. Ecu assets have also given better returns that core EMS cur-

Shell signs \$9bn gas deal

SHELL, the Anglo-Dutch oil company, is among three western European companies to participate in a \$9 billion gas liquefaction project in the

Sultanate of Oman. Said bin Ahmed al Shanfari, the Omani oil minister. signed a letter of intent with a number of oil companies. headed by Shell, Total-Compagnie Française des Petroles and Partex of Portugal, in Muscat, Oman's capital, on Saturday.

The project will consist of two ventures, one for gas and condensate development and production and the other for liquefaction, shipping and marketing.

The Omani government will be the majority partner in both cases, with the oil com-

Fiat's Finnish rail deal opens up CIS network

FIAT, the Italian industrial group that already has a firm grip on carmaking in the former Soviet Union, could be about to exploit the re-gion's potential for high-

speed rail transport. Fiat has won a 500 billion lire (£231 million) deal under which its railway subsidiary Ferroviaria will deliver 25 high-speed trains to Finland and provide a stepping stone to the network that runs from the Baltic to the Pacific.

As a former part of the Tsarist Russian empire, Finland has the same broadgauge railway as the Commonwealth of Indepen-

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent dent States. A high-speed link from Helsinki to St Petersburg would involve only a small section of the decrepit Soviet network being

upgraded.
The "Pendolino" trains Fiat is supplying to the Finn-ish state railway are already in use in Italy. They are designed to travel at up to 200 kilometres an hour (125mph), much slower than the French TGV or the Japanese bullet trains. The important difference is that the Fiat trains can be used on normal tracks. The Firms are scheduled to begin testing the first two trains in 1994.

panies acting as minority partners. The aim of the project is to produce an eventual output of 5 million tons of gas a year, probably by 1998-9. At that rate the reserves are thought to be enough to cover 20 years' worth of exports and 50 years' worth of domestic consumption.

Shell International Gas has done a preliminary feasibility study, which indicates that the production target is "potentially commercially viable". The next step is an identification study, also to be conducted by Shell, which will look at the gas reserves in detail and evaluate the proect's commercial prospects.

Oman's natural gas reserves are believed to be over 10,000 billion cubic feet. The Oman government is placing increased emphasis on gas to reduce its dependency on oil. which accounts for about 80 per cent of the sultanate's total revenues.

Last year, the Omani government signed a seven-year gas exploration agreement with Transworld Oil, a Bermuda-based company.
Oman is one of the smallest Middle Eastern oil producers and is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.



Royal to sell its merchant bank arm

BY NEIL BENNETT BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE Royal Bank of Scotland has confirmed that it is planning to sell Charterhouse, its merchant banking subsidiary, to a continental Europe-

The Royal Bank's board has given the go-ahead to Charterhouse's management to look for potential buyers to help the bank expand its European business.

George Mathewson, Royal Bank's recently appointed chief executive, said he was prepared to sell Charterhouse but that there are no negotiations taking place at present. "We are keen to see Charterhouse expand its Euprepared to look at a change in its ownership structure to achieve this. We have not taken anything off the agen-

Royal Bank will consider an outright sale or could retain a minority in the bank. Any offer will need to be made at a substantial premium to Charterhouse's net assets of £230 million. Royal Bank has one of the strongest capital bases in the banking sector

and will be in no hurry to sell. The decision has been welcomed at Charterhouse as an opportunity to win international business by becoming a subsidiary of a major French or German institution. The bank has decided it is not large enough to expand into the continent on its own.

Victor Black, Charter-house's chief executive, said: "All decent sized companies are looking at the single market. Half a dozen staff in every capital in Europe is not going to get us anywhere. A link with a major institution is the best way forward." Charterhouse is believed to

have held alliance negotiations with a European bank a year ago but these came to nothing. Leading contenders for an acquisition are expected to include Credit Lyonnais, Banque Paribas and Dresdner Bank.

Charterhouse has a range of operations that would attract a continental buyer. In particular, it is a leading player in the development capital market, which is still relatively undeveloped on the

rector of Copyright Promotions and co-partner with Merchandising München

in ELG, hopes the group will enjoy "fantastic growth in merchandising" as

its diverse range of properties are intro-

come across many of these products

through black market imports. We were

quite staggered at the initial reaction of

local companies. The reaction has been

enormous; we were quite surprised, but we are delighted with it," he added.

of these offices in eastern Europe we are

reaching a potential market of another 400 million people, which, added to the

300 million in western Europe, means

Mr Cardwell said: "With the opening

"Up to now, eastern Europeans have

duced to eastern Europeans.

European HDTV system given Olympic debut

FROM ROSS TIEMAN IN ALBERTVILLE

THE battle to secure a place for Europe at the forefront of the consumer electronics industry in the Nineties begins in earnest this week amid the snows of the winter Olympics. Marcel Roulet, the presi-

dent of France Telecom, launched the first commercial-scale demonstration of European high definition television (HDTV) technology in Albertville at the

As prime telecommunications contractor for the games. France Telecom and Telediffusion de France, its broadcasting transmission subsidiary, are responsible for transmission of almost 200 hours of HDTV coverage

The technology is resolutely European. France Telecom is a partner, with Philips of The Netherlands, and Thomson CSF of France, two of Europe's largest electronics groups, and 37 other companies, in Eureka 95.

This consortium has spent more than five years and £2 billion, half of it from European Community taxpayers, developing a common European HDTV technology. Japanese electronics companies have developed similar equipment to a different standard while America is expected to adopt a more advanced digital standard for HDTV

The pictures from Albertville will be received at 50 demonstration locations across Europe, 27 in France. In London, Philips will be demonstrating the system to TV and advertising executives and journalists at its headquarters in Tottenham Court Road while Ferguson, a subsidiary of Thomson CSF, will do the same at

technology within two years.

The European partners are cialise their technology in order to establish a market presence. Japan began eight hours a day of HDTV transmission last November. Technically, at least, HDTV will attract consumers. It has a wide-screen format, like a cinema screen, which corresponds more closely to the field of human vision than today's TV sets, and breath-

taking clarity. HDTV dis-

Alexandra Palace

plays picture components on 1,250 lines, twice as many as a conventional TV set, and has digital stereo sound.

The drawback, for the consumer, is the cost. Sharp, the Japanese manufacturer, has just astonished rivals by announcing production of a receiving set costing less than 1 million yen, a quarter of the price of sets from rival manufacturers but still £4,500 a set.

Philips says it will market sets in mid-1993 for £3,500 or less. That is still pricey, and raises doubts about how quickly HDTV can become a mass consumer product. The challenge for Eureka 95 is to persuade broadcasters to adopt European technology

standards to be confirmed. This is likely to prove more difficult with independents. such as British Sky Broadcasting, than in France where the state can exert influence. The European Commission. which has played a close role in encouraging the development of a European standard, has backed away from coercing broadcasters. It supports a market approach.

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Harry Slime crawls to east sector

THE legendary sewers of central Europe, the haunt of Harry Lime in an earlier black market era, are about to be invaded by the even slimier, if more ethical, Leonardo and his friends.

European Licensing Group, Europe's largest independent licensing organisation, will try to take the former communist bloc of east and central Europe by storm with the help of Turtle Power. The Amsterdam company, a joint ven-

ture between Copyright Promotions, the character licensing subsidiary of Mosaic Investments, and Merchandising München of Germany, has opened associate offices in Poland, Romania. Russia, Hungary, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and Bulgaria. It is currently in the process of unleashing wonders ranging from the pizza-loving, Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles to the Pink Panther.

The company hopes that the American craze that caught on over here will spread east with capitalism. Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles are already show



Cowabunga: a job for a turtle

ing on television in Russia and Poland. ELG's other current properties include Tom and Jerry, Transformers, World Championship Wrestling, Mr Men & Little Miss, Judge Dredd, Dan Dare, GI Joe, My Little Pony, Playskool, Tonka and MGM Movies.

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Depending on the success of the initial eastern European openings, ELG's next move will be associate offices in Yugoslavia and Albania, offering their citizens the delights of Turtle jeans and pyjamas and Pink Panther T-shirts. David Cardwell, joint managing di-

Recession makes people change the way they shop

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE rapid onset of the recession, which led high street retailers to indulge in prolonged discount sales to clear stock, has changed the habits of British shoppers.

A survey by Verdict, the market research group, confirms that consumers now adopt a much more tactical approach to making big purchases of non-food items such as clothes or durable goods, and have become discontented with the supermarkets.e.

Verdict found that 42 per cent of shoppers now wait for sales to make a major purchase and affluence makes little difference to shopping patterns. Retailers are responding by extended price promotions beyond the traditional sale period.

Price consciousness has extended to food shopping, even though that has weathered the recession relatively unscathed. Shoppers who were venience and innovation in the Eighties are now more concerned about cost.

Verdict says that average disposable household incomes are still 20 per cent higher than eight years ago. Despite this, consumers' attitudes are being determined by the short-term impact of the recession on their pockets and confidence. The survey found that 57 per cent of

women think most products are expensive in large supermarkets and superstores. Even among the most affluent sections of society (AB socio-economic groups), 47 per cent think prices are high. Though they may be watching the pennies, shoppers are more likely to buy environmentally friendly products. More than half those surveyed said that when able to choose, they opt to use environmentally conscious shops. Women are more likely to spend in "green" shops than men. The members of the socio-economic group, C1, are most likely to shop at

their choice of retailer. The day consumers least want to shop is Saturday. Fifty-four per cent of adults said they avoid it if possible.

environmentally conscious

shops, with 64 per cent say-ing such issues influenced

The new groundswell of complaints about supermarkets prices is already affecting political attitudes and public policy. Sir Bryan Carsberg, who becomes director general of the Office of Fair Trading in June, has said he will look into food prices in Britain and compare them with the rest of Europe.

Another report, published by Business Strategies, a conltancy, suggests Sir Bryan may have difficulty coming with clear conclusions.

The report says differences in market structure, consumer demand and accounting standards make international comparisons difficult. "It is impossible to conclude from these comparisons that UK

retailers carn excessive mar-

gins. Moreover, the high lev-

els of investment in the UK

mean that returns on total

capital employed are simi-

lar," says Business Strategies. In most European countries, particularly Britain. food prices have risen by less than the general rate of inflation in recent years. This is due to different causes in difterent countries, says the report, but is probably due to retailing efficiency in Britain and The Netherlands.

British consumers spend

far less on food than in comparably sized France and Itay. Supermarkets take a much larger share of food sales than in other EC countries. Concentration of sales among the top five retailers, though much higher in Britain than in Mediterranean countries. is similar to the low countries and lower than in Germany, Austria or Switzerland.

British retailers seem to dominate the top of league tables of the most profitable in Europe, but this may be because comparable figures are not available for many leading privately owned re-tailers on the Continent.

BRUSSELS NOTEBOOK

Last-gasp lobbying by Marlboro countrymen

in Strasbourg is once again about to debate the European Commission's proposals for the tobacco industry - with the industry lobby in Brussels frantically trying to convince everyone of its importance to the European ecomony.

The proposed blanker banon advertising has been the most controversial question so far, with the right-wing MEPs succeeding at the last parliamentary session in postponing a vote: that should take place this time round, and will probably reaffirm that the Strasbourg maiority is in favour of a ban.

But recently the cigarette lobby has been concentrating on another commission proposal, also to be discussed this week, that excise duty should constitute a minimum of 57 per cent of the price of cigarettes throughout the EC.

Philip Morris executives claim the new rule would exacerbate the price difference between northern Europe, where prices would rise, and southern Europe, where they would stay about the same. They say this will encourage "bootlegging" between mem-

ber states. The industry claims boot-leggers could fill up a threeton truck in Portugal with cigarettes and sell them in Denmark, making a profit of £125,000. Executives, with a touching dash of altruism, say the commission should not be proposing rules that would deprive governments of revenue. But Michael Horst, Philip Morris's corporate services chief, admitted .the concern was rooted in something closer to his heart; the Italian government, annoyed at the number of Marlboro cigarettes being smuggled into the country. simply slapped a month's ban mas — at a cost to Philip Morris of £140 million.

☐ If only Philip Morris would start making biofuels instead, which the commission sees as much better for us than cigarettes. New Brussels proposals would keep excise duties on these eco-friendly fuels to a minimum.

Bioethanol, an ethyl alcohol produced by fermentation of sugar from beet or starch om potatoes, should be liable to excise duty of no more than 10 per cent of that on unleaded petrol, the commission says. It proposes a similar limit on esterified vegetable oils, which can be mixed 50/50 with diesel without modifying engines.

☐ Alternative fuels may come too late to save Sabena, the

being sunk by a linguistic dispute between Walloons and Flemings. The Flemish nationalist party, Volksunie, wants to scrap a deal in which Air France would take 37.5 per cent of Sabena.

Never mind that without the partnership Sabena. which has never made a profit, would probably be finished; Volksunie does not want to see the national airline imbued with Gallic ie ne sais quoi. Conversely, of course, a KLM rescue package for Sabena was fiercely resisted by Walloon socialists last year. Meanwhile, the struggling flag-carrier can not even offer a summer schedule.

TOM WALKER Brussels

Touche appoints itself hotel receiver



Mounting problems: Ralph Preece, appointed by Touche Ross as receiver of Scarborough's Royal Hotel

IN one of the stranger twists in the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, Touche Ross, the bank's liquidator, has awarded itself the receivership of the Royal Hotel in Scarbor-ough, one of a chain of hotels that is among BCCI's heavi-est borrowers in Britain (Neil Bennett writes).

Ralph Preece and Lindsey Denney, Touche Ross partners, were appointed by the firm as receivers of the Crown group of hotels, which owes BCCI at least £40 million.

The hotels also include the Granby in Harrogate, North Yorkshire; the Tregenna Cas-tle in St Ives, Cornwall; the Royal Station Hotel, in Newcastle-upon-Tyne; the Midland in Bradford and Great Moreton Hall near Stoke-on-Trent.

As BCCI's liquidator, Touche Ross was forced to put the six hotels into receivership after it became clear they could no longer service their debts due to a fall in business during the recession. Touche Ross is searching for buyers for the hotels.

The rare self-appointment to the Crown hotels occurred when the accountancy firm hit problems over awarding an indemnity to a receiver. In receiverships, the lead bank normally grants an accountancy firm an indemnity to cover it against a range of potential liabilities. The fraud and uncertainty

at BCCI meant that Christopher Morris, BCCI's liquidator from Touche Ross, felt he could not issue any indemnity. So he was forced to appoint other partners from the firm as receivers.

Leading article, page 13 discussions with the French

Bull seeks further financial partners

By WOLFGANG MUNCHAU, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT government to secure the

company's long-term viability

of the company. He refused to

specify precise details of the

talks but indicated France

Telecom, the French national

telecommunications opera-

tion and holder of 17 per cent

of Bull's equity, might play a more prominent role in the

He said: "France Telecom

BULL, the French state computer maker, will make further stategic and financial alliances on top of a much-publicised technology and equity deal with International Bus-iness Machines (IBM). This could involve a further strengthening of the alliance with France Telecom, the French state-owned telecommunications operator and presently a holder of 17 per cent of Bull's equity.
Yet another recapitalis-

ation of Bull by the French government or a state French company could lead to a further row with the European Commission, which is currently investigating a Fr4 billion package of new capital and a further Fr2.7 billion in research and development grants, announced by the French government last year. In an interview with The Times. Francis Lorentz, the chairman of Bull, said the deal with IBM, under which IBM will inject about \$100 million in return for a 5-10 per cent stake, was an important strategic alliance, "but not a marriage". He said Bull must be open to further deals. as long as its ultimate ownership remained in French hands. He said that no further big deals were expected to take place "within the next six months". He added he is presently in

Lorentz: "more deals"

is an important partner, and

will become more so. A strong

is most important to us." There has also been speculation in France that the government might consider another capital increase on top of the promised Fr4 bil-lion, half of which was paid in 1991, with the remainder due later this year. The discussions between Bull and the French government are likely to focus on the financial situation of the company, after losses of Fr6.8 billion in 1990, and a further Frl.94 billion in the first half of last year. Bull responded by restructuring, with the loss of about 20 per cent of the company's total workforce. More may go if the computer market does not improve.
The French government

rescue package was designed to restore Bull's profitability by 1993, but there are doubts hether this can be achieved. Bull may receive more finance, either from government, or a government-owned company or bank. M Lor-entz said state-ownership helped the company pursue long-term targets, though his feelings , about u state, ownership were mixed, because "there are fears, sometimes, that the [company] strategy could be party political."

M Lorentz said rejection of the earlier cash injection by the commission could lead to Bull's collapse. Referring to the fact that with IBM and NEC of Japan, Bull had two private-sector shareholders, he said: "The commission's final assessment will be based on evaluation of what a private investor would have done. The cost of closing the company would be far

Burton's paper rating is cut

The credit risk of Burton Group has been raised sharply by one of America's top rating agencies, which says the retailer faces continued pressure on profits (Philip Robinson writes from New

Moody's Investors Service has downgraded Burton's commercial paper risk, effectively an IOU designed to borrow money over short periods, to junk bond levels. It dropped Burton's rating from prime-3 to not prime. the lowest level and a reduction in status from investment

to speculative grade. A lower rating lifts the cost of borrowing in the commer-cial paper market. Burton suspended this form of funding last August, after Moody's put the group under review. The agency said Bur-ton's established position in the British fashion market meant operating returns will remain highly geared to sales and dependent on an upturn in the economy.

Salomon chief for London

Salomon Brothers, the scandal-hit American investment house, will announce a new chief of its London operations Jim Massey, the firm's former head of international business, who is returning to New York as head of Salomon's investment portfolio business.

The changes are the latest in a management shake up instituted by Deryck Maughan, the new chief ex-ecutive, after Salomon admitted breaching the rules in American treasury bond auc-

Mr Massey's departure comes after a series of resig-nations and dismissals in London due to the firm's problems and a fall in

Wine and spirit sales fall faster

The recession has caused an accelerating decline in sales of wines and spirits. Disappointing spirit sales in the Christmas quarter may have cut total sales volume for 1991 by up to 15 million bottles, according to the Wines and Spirit Association. shortfall could cost the Treasury over £100 million in lost revenue. The association fore casts a revenue shortfall of £25 million on wine.

It estimates that overall spirit sales in the final quarter of 1991 declined by 5 per cent against the last three months of 1990, which was itself depressed by recession and events in the Gulf.

First step to City promotion Sir Brian Jenkins, the Lord Mayor of London, is to propose an exhibition of a model

of the City at the Royal Exchange in May as the first step in a plan for a permanent promotional centre for London's central business district. The refurbished Somerset

House is the City's favourite site for a permanent centre. London was criticised in a recent study as the only international city without a permanent promotional centre for business opportunities and available properties.

Post Office plea

Sir Bryan Nicholson, chairman and chief executive of the Post Office, said the Post Office should be able to borrow directly in financial markets. Speaking on BBC 2's The Money Programme. he said the Post Office's rivals would otherwise move into the most profitable parts of the business, threatening services to residential customers.

Bryant & May strikes a balance with nature

THE humble match, born in 1827 and ever since a faithful friend to light fires for the poor and cigars for kings, has been virtually re-invented in an attempt to make it environment friendly.

Matches were once notorious for being dangerous to make, let alone use, but Bryant & May, Britain's only boxed-match maker, has made a series of changes. As the supplier of most

leading brands of safety match, including Swan Ves-tas "strike anywhere" matches, Bryant & May has eliminated sulphur from the head of the safety match, replacing it with ferro phosphorus. Zincoxide, used only in safety matches to stabilise the glue that binds the components of the match head, has gone entirely. Bryant & May has also found ways to make matches burn as brightly without potassium dichromate, which is harmful to the environment and humans, possibly leading to ulcers, and in extreme cases damage to the nasal cavity.

Animal hide glue, previ-ously used as a binder, has been replaced on the head of safety matches by scrap gel-atine and in "strike anywhere" matches by vegetable starch.

Soya and milk protein are being considered as possible

The stick of a Bryant & May match is made from aspen, a form of poplar with a 60-year life cycle that is grown in managed forests.



a million match sticks can be made, and aspen acreage has been growing faster than the trees that are felled. Even the match box is re-born. Today's box is made of recyled paper and board.

David Wheeler, managing director of Bryant & May, which is a member of Swedish Match, the world's largest lightmaker, says that in making the match more friendly, the company has



Green light: matches with an environmental message

not be far off.

"struck a balance with The price, which last went box of 43 in 1989, will stay the same. The group's re-search laboratories, under the direction of Dr Michael Cox, are working on additional refinements to the modern match, and further "green" breakthroughs may The match had aiready

changed much since 1827, in all but appearance. In the early days, matches con-tained yellow phosphorus, a substance that made teeth fall out — a condition known

as phossy jaw. In the 1850s, a match without yellow phosphorus was produced. It was called a "safety match" because it was not poisonous and did not burst into flames on its own account. A safety match needs to be struck on a special "Strike anywhere" match-

es, as their name implies, jump to life when struck on virtually any rough surface. They shed their yellow phosphorus content and thus lost their poisonous tag at the turn of the century, when phosphorus sesquisulphide took its place. Demonstrating that a

long-standing monopoly has not lost the desire to innovate is important for Bryant in its report on January 20. When Mr Lilley's decision is announced, it may be an oc-& May, for commercial as well as environmental rea-sons. Mr Wheeler and his

match sticks waiting for the decision of Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, on the Monopolies and Mergers Commission's second report in four years involving the The supply of matches and

disposable cigarette lighters was referred for a monopoly

enquiry last May on a rec-

ommendation from Sir Gordon Borrie, the director general of fair trading. Then, Sir Gordon said: "I am concerned that price competition in the market. .. in this country may not be as effective as it might be. The commission handed

casion for Bryant & May either to light a candle or a bonfire — with a Swan Vesta

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The unkindest cut of all

fter vigorous debate, British Petroleum will announce this week whether its board has decided to increase its final quarterly dividend in the face of poor trading results. Pride, prudence and reputation are all involved. At least BP shareholders should be left with a higher dividend for the year, thanks to modest rises in interim payments. The boards of several of the finest names in the financial establishment face a much tougher choice by the end of this month: to maintain dividends from reserves or make a realistic but humiliating cut to reflect appalling trading.

Discreet canvassing of the opinions of institutional shareholders has been undertaken by banks and insurance groups. This is a bizarre exercise, since these very companies are among the biggest investors in company shares. Such exercises now usually elicit a widespread view that investors appreciate realism. They must only be convinced that management is dealing with its problems and cutting costs to pave the way for a rapid recovery in profits and dividend growth. Some think straitened financial aristocrats have tried to keep up appearances for too long. Demonstrating apparent financial strength through high dividends has damaged capital ratios or solvency margins, and therefore their capacity to grow and compete with continental rivals with lower payouts.

A few important investors, often investment houses without comparable trading problems, will by contrast regard dividend cuts as virtually a betrayal. These are cyclical businesses. Companies made an implicit — and sometimes explicit — compact with shareholders, that profit volatility would not be reflected in dividends; they should not chicken out at the bottom of the cycle. If the majority of big investors seem tolerant, boards know that they will only make enemies with dividend cuts.

Three of the biggest high street banks face this dilemma. Loss-making Midland cut last year and is expected to pass its final payment this time to conserve near-exhausted distributable reserves. Barclays should nearly cover a mantained dividend and expects recovery in 1992, though the small dividend rise expected by many analysts might look irresponsible. NatWest, whose shares yield over 8 per cent on last year's payment, faces the toughest decision. Profits will be minimal, possibly leaving about £200 million of a maintained dividend uncovered. Lord Alexander, the chairman, seemed to be preparing the City for a cut. Most analysts now expect the payment to be maintained, but would NatWest approve such behaviour by its borrowers?

Il five big composite insurance companies will incur huge losses, with only Commercial will incur huge losses, with only commercial Union's likely to be under £100 million. Hits from storms, subsidence and mortgage indemnities, coming in the trough of the general insurance cycle, have had such a cumulative effect that even Sun Alliance, financially the strongest, has seen its solvency ratio subside faster than a house built over a pit. Royal, the weakest, has made much of tough new management personalities and strategy, paving the way for a dividend retreat now seen as which likewise oozes retrenchment and realism, yield an historic 12.4 per cent against Royal's 14.3 per cent. A cut would cause little shock. GRE is seen as a continental bid candidate, but arming its balance sheet might give better protection. CU, Sun Alliance and, most oddly. General Accident, are expected to keep marching proudly ahead, even though analysts do not expect dividends to be covered even by 1993 earnings. The debate will therefore simply go on, even louder.

Pay spasms distract the eye from Germany's creeping paralysis

Analysts have been quick to scorn German steelworkers' claims but Anatole Kaletsky thinks they are missing the real danger signals.

he common frog apparent by has a curious anatomical feature its eyes are designed in such a way that it can only see fast-moving objects. When David Henderson, the extring, head of the OECD economics department, regaled me with this information, he was complaining about the way that politicians, journalists and analysts only seemed to notice rapid, and usually meaningless, fluctuations in economic events. In doing so, they often failed to understand the slow movements of business cycles or the structural shifts in the world economy, whose consequences could not be directly seen for many years.

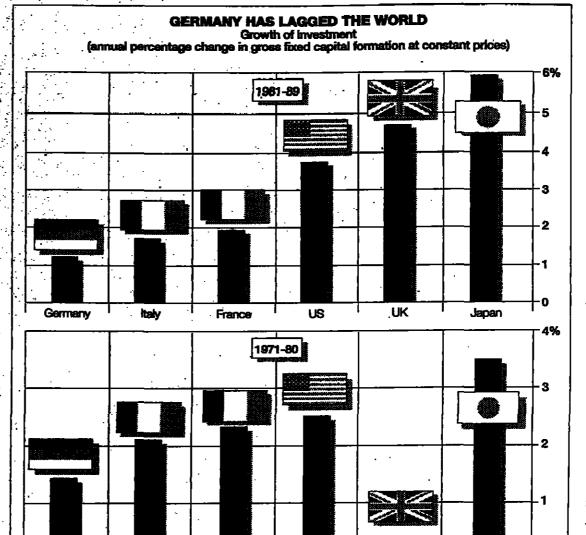
The over-excitable world of the New York and London financial markets has always been the main spawning ground for frog myopia, but it has now spread over the Swiss Alps. There were three main talking points at the annual gathering of the good, the great and the self-important last week in Davos: the inflationary sins of German trade unions, the economic chaos in the former Soviet Union, and the confrontation with Japan resulting from the American recession.

All these are classic cases of frog myopia. The root cause of the tension between America and Japan is not the recession, the growth of the Japanese trade surplus or the inability of Chrysler and Ford to sell their cars except to yakuza gangsters. It is the erosion of America's economic self-confidence since the late Sixties, which I discussed last week.

In the former Soviet Union, the

most remarkable development has not been the onset of hyperinflation or the possible removal of yet another government. It has been the steady, though sometimes imperceptible, expansion of private enterprise, which has already spread far beyond the officially recognised private sector into most of the theoretically state-owned finas. By far the most important announcement connected with the former Soviet Union at Davos was the promise by Anatoly Chubais, the Russian minister for state property, that 75 percent of retailing and distribution would be in private hands this year.

Beyond that, it was clear from conversations with managers of Russian state enterprises that the process of "spontaneous privatisation" was far advanced. Many state enterprises have effectively been taken over or, to put it more bluntly, stolen by their managers and workers. They are now being run for their



own benefit, rather than the state's. This process is unjust, unpopular and even illegal, but with the politicians bickering over borders, currencies and even place-names, the gold-rush morality of spontaneous privarisation may be the only way to get capitalism moving. Privarisation and distribution of wealth should be the focus of econonic advice to the former Soviet Union, instead of the headline-grabbing monetary crises

and price reforms.

Turning to Germany, the fast-moving issue has been the threat to the economy posed by last week's steel industry pay sentement. The increase of 6.4 per cent has been described as irresponsible, dangerous and even catastrophic. According to most financial analysts, a long strike would have been far preferable to any negotiated settlement above 6 per cent. But what is the significance of the magic 6 per cent figure? Is it worth bringing the country to a standstill to pare wage

rises from 6.4 to 5.9 per cent?

Anyone who lived through the Seventies in Britain should find these questions easy to answer. In 1978, Denis Healey's insistence on

tent, the fall of the Labour government and the catastrophic outbreak of private-sector union militancy and wage inflation in 1979. By contrast, Mrs Thatcher immediately recognised the way government-decreed ceilings transform themselves into union negotiators minimum demands and impose a dangerous rigidity on the economy and the labour market. The resulting collisions between the unions apparently legitimate aspirations and the elected government's pub-

a 5 per cent pay norm was largely responsible for the winter of discon-

licly stated commitments could have many outcomes — the defeat of the government, the defeat of the unions or, as in 1979, the defeat of both. But one thing was certain; the first victims would be economic rationality and political common sense.

ince the steelworkers' settlement, Bundesbank officials

ince the steelworkers' settlement, Bundesbank officials have sounded more determined than ever about suppressing inflation, but so have union leaders about winning 6 per cent plus deals. It seems the irresistible force of the well financed and disci-

plined German unions' pay demands is about to hit the immovable object of Bundesbank monetary policy. If so, the outlook for Germany and, through the ERM, the whole of Europe is indeed dire.

Japan

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But is the Bundesbank really about to repeat Denis Healey's mistake of setting an arbitrary pay norm and then ruining the economy to defend it? Looking beyond the daily headlines, the evidence suggests otherwise.

The Bundesbank has always in-

sisted that it defends monetary targets, not wage targets. The critical factor governing German interest rate policy will, therefore, be the growth of the monetary supply, not the growth of wages. Wage deals may influence monetary policy at the margin. But 5.9 per cent settlements will not in themselves open the way to monetary easing, nor 6.4 per cent deals rule it out. German inflation, too, will be affected only marginally by the exact pay settlements reached. In the weakening German economy, the main impact of slightly higher wages is likely to be on profit margins, not on consumer prices. Given the high profits and

strong balance sheets built up by most German firms during the unification boom, some modest reduction in margins is unikely to cripple plans for investent, especially those for the eastern Lander. In the East, the crucial factors for investment are government subsidies and East-West wage differentials, not negotiated national pay scales.

As unions and employers both recognise that there is nothing magical about the 6 per cent figure, they should begin to find room for compromise, and Germany should be able to avoid a rerun of the winter of discontent. As a result of the steel-workers' settlement, therefore, the much-prized consensus between the two sides of German industry seems likelier to survive. Thus the chances of industrial peace are now better than they were two weeks ago, and the prospects for inflation and interest rates are hardly worse, if at all.

et the world is probably right to feel uneasy about Germany's long-term economic prospects, regardless of the present wage round or the precise timing of the next move in monetary policy. Such fast-moving bank policy changes have distracted attention from more important structural weaknesses in the German economy which have been developing for years or even decades. In the decade before the unification boom, Germany had the slowest productivity growth and by far the worst investment record of any major industrialised country (see chart). In fact, Germany became a notable laggard from the early Seventies onwards, competing with Britain and America for the wooden spoon. Even its much-vaunted export prowess was largely an illusion, created by the increasing integration of neighbouring European markets. Looking at sales outside Europe, German exporters have been consis-tently beaten by Japanese and American competitors for 20 years. spectacularly so since the devaluation of the dollar in 1985.

Ten years ago, the world became so alarmed about the creeping economic paralysis spreading from Germany to the whole of Europe that it invented the term "Eurosclerosis". A heated debate ensured about the possible causes. Was Eurosclerosis due to "structural rigidities" such as high government spending, subsidies and labour market regulations? Or to the "stability-oriented" policies of high interest rates and low economic growth, pursued by the Bundesbank and imposed by the ERM on the rest of Europe?

Amid the excitement over 1992 and German unification. Euroscierosis was forgotten in the late Eighties. With the whole of Europe now under the sway of Germany's slow growth, high-subsidy, high-interest model, it is time to start worrying about Euroscierosis again.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Hagan dazed

BRITISH & Commonwealth bondholders, recently in-formed by the administrator that their holdings were worthless, might be interested to learn of the behind-thescenes negotiations that have been going on over Exco, the money and securities broking concern and generally accepted to be the jewel in B&C's slightly tarnished crown. A cash bid of £85 million has. I am told, been made for Exco - which still employs 2,000 people - by a group of managers and investors led by David Hagan, Hagan, some of you may recall, was the founder and former managing director of Tuliett & Tokyo, where he developed a successful screen-based interdealer broking system. His proposed "management buy-", which would have resulted in him becoming Exco's new chief executive, has involved eight months' work and was to have been funded by Electra. Advisers to the deal were Phoenix Securities, whose subsidiary. Phoenix Fund Managers, was also to have provided part of the finance. However, an announcement is expected today to say that the Hagan proposal has been declined, in favour of a considerably less generous offer by the incumbent management and merchant bank NM Rothschild. This deal, apparently favoured by the creditors' committee, will involve a 50 per cent private placement of Exco stock with United Kingdom institutions, including Caledonia. Meanwhile, Exco's figures, which are due

to be reported soon, are expected to show that, in

1991, the company just about



"Sorry to lose you, he said — but we need the space for unsold cars."

Quick millions
STEPHEN O'Byrne of
Towers Perrin, a New York
consultant, estimates that the
surge on Wall Street in 1991
brought an average gain of
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men and women who run
America's 100 biggest companies. He based his findings
on the appreciation of shares
and options held at the start
of 1991. The Standard &
Poor's 500 gained 26 per

Miles' miles HOW many folk in the City have thought about chucking it in and flying off to a Pacific paradise? Miles Morland, who set up and ran the London office of First Boston in the Eighnes, only got as far as France. But he wrote a book about his experiences, and later this month his City acquaintances will be able to read of his exploits first-hand. Morland threw in his highly paid City job in 1989 at the age of 45 and set out to walk across France, accompanied by his wife. The book which followed has enough jibes about the Square Mile to encourage other waverers to follow his example. "The bigger it got, the less I enjoyed the job." says Moriand who joined John Govett as an investment analyst after leaving Oxford in the Sixties and spent several years on Wall Street before returning to Britain in 1983. Of his walk, he is unrepentant. "Half the people I used to work with in the City think I'm eccentric and the other half would like to do it as well." The Man Who Broke Out Of The Bank goes on sale on February 20.

Ici on parle Français

WELCOME to the new Europe. Wolseley, the world's biggest supplier of plumbing products, summoned building analysts on Friday to announce it was buying France's biggest plumber for 195 million. Jeremy Lancaster, the chairman, suggested showing a video which, he told his guests, would explain everything they needed to know about the company. When it ended, he asked if there were any questions. There were none. The video was in French.

Cross-pollinated

Red faces at Rudolph Wolff, the metal broker, over the latest edition of its guide to the London-Metal Exchange. Readers of the guide, published by Metal Bulletin Books, at a stiff £44, got far more than they bargained for. In some of the first copies, between chapters on "hedging in practice", "pricing systems for base metals," and other lively topics came a chapter on the sight and smell of the bee. "The printer was doing two books at the same time and somehow they got mixed up," explained a spokesman.

JON ASHWORTH

Perils of MBA expansion

From Professor Samuel Eilon
Sir, Your Focus on MBA programmes (February 5) is a
timely reminder of the great
proliferation of MBA courses
that has taken place in this
country in recent years.

country in recent years.

From virtual obscurity not such a long time ago, business and management courses constitute the fastest growing field of study at institutions of higher education, so much so that no self-respecting university can nowadays afford to be without a business school, avidly competing with others for students to register for its MBA

In principle, this rapid expansion is welcome, but it is not without its dangers. These include a fall in quality in student admissions, inflated and unrealistic expectations of high grade job prospects on graduation (fanned by exaggerated claims of courses in business strategy), and "innovative" programmes that pander to passing fashion in so-called man-

Power pool prices

tor, Nuclear Electric Plc
Sir. Electricity price rises,
highlighted in "Big power
users seek boycott of nuclear
levy" (February 4) are nothing to do with the fossil fuel

The new structure of the electricity market, whereby all power is bought and sold at a common price through the pool, is the main driver behind the price rises. All generators, suppliers and large consumers have the option of either trading solely at pool price and taking the risk of price volatility, or concluding hedging contracts to ensure stable and predictable prices.

There is thus no commercial incentive for any company to offer prices at a disagement theory, resulting in courses that are strong on glitz but weak on substance.

The distinctive impression

is that in their keen competition to capture a "fair share of the market", some business schools have progressively pared their requirements and that standards have consequently suffered (in one partime MBA course run by a reputable institution, the cumulative time spent in residence amounts to 18 weeks spread over three years, hardly adequate to cover even basic subjects in any depth).

All these developments are

a cause for concern and the time has come for action to halt this downward trend. Perhaps an independent body for rigorous monitoring and accreditation should be set up to safeguard high standards for MBA courses, standards that students, industry and academic institutions can be proud of.

Yours faithfully, SAMUEL EILON, 1 Medway Close, NW11.

Power pool prices
From the commercial director, Nuclear Electric Plc

count to those they could receive from the pool. This, in effect, precludes the continuation of the preferential pric-

y price rises, in "Big power cott of nuclear y 4) are nothing the fossil fuel ructure of the rket, whereby in golicies adopted by the CEGB.

This situation was supported by Offer in its recent pool price enquiry report in which it stated that ... "measures to provide especially low prices via discrimination or cross-

subsidy are no longer available".

As far as the fossil fuel levy is concerned, the contribution Nuclear Electric receives is fixed in contracts which ensure that, in real terms, it falls year on year.

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Devaluation

on the agenda

year the British

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exchange rate and a contin-

uing balance of payments constraint. It will be almost

like the Sixties. Regardless

of who wins the election.

devaluation will be back on

from the continued reces-

sion, falling inflation and

sterling's stability. Talk of

recovery still seems prema-

ture, despite the recent in-

crease in personal sector

savings. The overhang of debt, the stagnant housing

market, an uncertain elec-

tion outcome and poor employment prospects all sug-gest continued weakness. If

demand remains weak, the

corporate sector will con-

tinue to retrench with de-

stocking, labour shedding

and cutbacks in invest-

These factors point to a

further improvement in both the headline and un-

derlying rate of inflation. This will become more evi-

dent by the summer, when

lower wage settlements,

now being agreed, will be reflected in the average earnings data. Although the service sector may be

isolated from the anti-infla-

tionary discipline of the ERM, the weakness of the

economy should prevent a

resurgence of service sector inflation this year.

The key factor for gilts,

though, is sterling. As last

week's reserve figures

showed, the currency has not needed sizeable inter-

vention to maintain ERM

stability. Despite the imminent election, the commit-

ment of all three main

parties to the ERM app-

ears to have reduced ster-

ling's risk premium. This has led international inves-

tors to view gilts favour-ably. Indeed, the spread of ten-year gilts over Bunds

appears attractive, at 144 basis points: the compara-ble spread for French and

Dutch bonds is 88 and 105 basis points respectively.

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continuing recession in

America and the sharp downturn in Japan will lead

the American and Japanese

authorities to lower rates again, allowing bond mar-

commitment that could store up problems later in

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Gilts are now benefiting

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Reuters expects to report good news

REUTERS Holdings, the in-ternational news and financial information group, of which Sir Christopher Hogg is chairman and Peter Job is chief executive, should prove that it can generate healthy profits growth despite the difficult economic en-

Mike Styles, at Credit Ly onnais Laing, expects final pre-tax profits, due on Wednesday, to climb to £340 million, up from £320 million last time, boosted by cost controls and product up-

Earnings are forecast to rise to 54.4p (49.5p) per share, while a dividend of 16.5p (15p) is predicted. Market profit expectations range from £330 million to

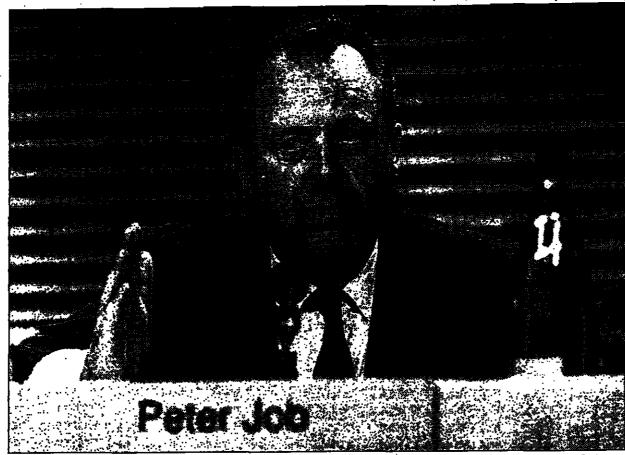
Long-term prospects seem bright for Reuters. The potential for Dealing 2000-2. which was undergoing live tests last month, and Globex has already been recognised, with prospects appearing to be sound. However, there is concern about the short term, during which trading is ex-pected to be tough. "In the short term, London, Switzerland and Japan have been holding back on new spend. and that's been impacting them [Reuters]." Mr Styles

News is also awaited on the group's cash balances, which stood at £448 million at the interim stage. Estimates suggest they had shrunk to between £350 million and E370 million by last year end.

TODAY Interims: Bailey (CH), Fosters Brewing Group, Impala Platinum Hidgs, US Smaller Cos. Finals: Baldwin, EFM Java Tst. Tottenham Hotspur.
Agms: Avon Rubber, McCarthy &
Stone, Teredo Petroleum.
Economic statistics: Credit business (December), retail sales (December - final).

TOMORROW

Alan Sugar, fresh from his first set of Tottenham Hotspur results on Monday, is due to address the City again, this time providing interim figures for Amstrad



Bright prospects: Peter Job, who as chief executive of Reuters Holdings reports results on Wednesday

group, for which trading re-

Amstrad, whose shares languished at 26p last Friday, against last year's high of 93p, is expected to suffer a pre-tax loss of £10 million, compared with a £40.1 million profit previously, according to UBS Phillips & Drew. Market forecasts range from losses of £2 million to £30 million. A maintained interim dividend of 0.4p is predicted.

Third-quarter results from British Airways will show a significant improvement over the previous year's figures, despite a modest 1 per cent rise in traffic levels.

NatWest County WoodMac expects significantly lower fuel costs to allow the company to show a pre-tax profit of more than £50 million in the three months to end-December, against a loss of £7 million last time, excluding exceptional profits. Market forecasts range from £20 million to £60 million.

County says BA's thirdquarter figures will also show a £150 million extraordinary profit from the sale of the engineering division to GEC. Market attention will also no doubt focus on any news of

the recent negotiations. which may lead to a joint venture with KLM, and perhaps a full merger between the two airlines in the longer term. : Amstrad, British Air

ways (Q3), Bryant Group, Dudley Jenkins Group, Elbief, Fleming Overseas IT, YRM. Agms: Baggeridge Brick, Devenish (JA). Economic statistics: Producer price index numbers (January — provisional), financing of the central government borrowing requirement (fourth quarter), monetary statistics including: M4 sectoral analysis; bank and building society starting lending (fourth

WEDNESDAY Allied Leisure, Richard Carr's ten-pin bowling and nightchub group, is expected to report interim pre-tax profits of about £1.7 million. against £1.6 million last time. according to Smith New

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THURSDAY Bob Horton, the chairman of British Petroleum, is expected to unveil a poor set of final

results. A weak oil price

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SMALLER COMPANIES.

Epwin builds in

shareholder value

SHARES in Epwin Group and much of its work is with

have risen from 105p a year local authorities and the

buildings.

combined with the recession, which continued to affect the group's downstream operations.

Rod Maclean, at UBS Phillips & Drew, expects fourth quarter historic cost net income to slump to £125 million (£452 million), giving £530 million (£1.68 billion) for the year. Phillips & Drew expects replacement cost net income to plunge to £110 million (£456 million), giving more respectable £1.07 billion (£1.2 billion) for the

Mr Madean pointed to weak oil prices as one of BP's key problems. He said: "Crude at the end of the day was not nearly as strong as the market expected." The average fourth quarter oil price was \$20.5 per barrel, against \$31.7 a year earlier. The average oil price in 1990

Property Services Agency

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cult market owes much to its

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builders' reluctance to use

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and retail divisions.

Epwin's resilience in a diffi-

was \$23.5 per barrel, while the average price last year was \$20 per parrel.

A slight fourth quarter divi-dend increase to 4.4p (4.2p) is expected, for a total of 17p (16.05p). Fourth quarter net income forecasts range from E75 million to E120 million.

The overall tone from BP is likely to be pessimistic. Looking to the future, analysts will want to know the oil price assumption that BP is using, while dividend policy will again be a key issue. First-quarter pre-tax profits

at BOC, the industrial gases and healthcare group, are expected to rise to £75 million (£70.8 million), according to Hoare Govett. Market forecasts range from £73 million to £78 million. Profits growth in the gases division should approach 10 per cent. BOC will benefit from growth in the Far East and higher margins from the American merchant market.

Analysts expect first-quar-ter pre-tax profits at Hanson. the industrial conglomerate, to slip to between £205 million and £220 million (£240

multion).
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Economic statistics: Labour market statistics: Unemployment and unfilled vacancies (January — provisional); average earnings indices (December — provisional); employment, hours, productivity and unit wage costs; industrial disputes, capital Issues and redemptions (January), provisional figures of vehicle production (January), capital expenditure by the manufacturing industries (fourth quarter — provisional)

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PHILIP PANGALOS

Macarthy issues löän notes warning

By MARTIN BARROW.

MACARTHY, the pharmaceuticals group, has warned shareholders that financial problems at NV Medicopharma may jeopardize the repayment by the Dutch company of convertible loan notes worth £2.86 million.

- A default would represent a major setback for Macarthy, whose gearing is currently estimated at more than 100 per cent, and could discourage Lloyds Chemists and UniChem from rebidding for the company even if clearance is forthcoming from the monopolies commission.

The loan notes were issued by Medicopharma in August 1990 in part payment for Macarthy's British pharma-ceutical wholesaling business, for which Macarthy received

an initial £13 million in cash. However, Medicopharma's fortunes have taken a turn for the worse since the deal was struck, resulting in the company's withdrawal from Britain in early November. Later in the same month, a German bid to take control of Medicopharma was called off and the company was obliged to seek a moratorium in the Dutch courts suspending

payments to creditors. Macarthy warned that as a result "there could be some uncertainty as to timing and amount of repayment" by Medicopharma of the loan note. Macarthy's annual report for 1991 stated there had been no indication as to when or on what basis the moratorium will be lifted.

Macarthy's annual results. showing pre-tax profits up 15 per cent to £5.31 million. were warmly received by analysts in January but alarm bells rang about borrowing levels. Although gearing was stated at 60 per cent at the year-end, the company has since paid almost E3.3 million to financial advisers acting in the defence against bids from Lloyds, UniChem and Grampian Holdings. A further £1.38 million will be ab-

reduced from 7p. The monopolies commission delivered its report on the bids by Lloyds and Uni-Chem on January 20 and it is currently with Peter Lilley, the trade secretary. Grampian's offer was not referred by the Office of Fair Trading but was rejected by shareholders. Macarthy shares closed last week at 289p.

sorbed by the payment of a

final dividend of 5p a share.

whoever wins 1992. By then, German rates should be falling but the scope for lower British base rates will be limited. Lower rates could prompt a recovery in consumption, leading to a surge in imports and a deterioration in the current account.

The gilt market would be foolish to ignore the implications of Britain's trade problem. It implies either a sizeable devaluation of sterling or — if devaluation is prevented by ERM — policy will have to be tightened to curb domestic demand growth. This suggests that British real interest rates will have to remain at high levels if the economy is to adjust to

adjust 10 EKM membership.
This points to extremely weak British growth for some time, leading to rising unemployment, continued bankruptcies and a further squeeze on the manufactured trade sector. Despite the talk of the need to establish credibility in the ERM, the implications of the domestic economy of this high and overvalued exchange rate may lead the gilt market to talk openly of devaluation.

re-elected Conser vative government will probably decide to accept this trade-off for squeezing inflation. It would also allow the government to get the economic and political cycles back into synchronisation.

Many of the government's present problems stem from Nigel Lawson's expansion after the last election and it will be keen to avoid a similar mistake. Although a Labour government might raise interest rates temporarily to gain market credibility, devaluation might become neces-sary unless its supply-side policies work very quickly. A hung parliament, mean-while, would inevitably lead to sterling weakness as pol-itical uncertainty persisted. A sizeable devaluation

will be a key ingredient if Britain is to achieve sustainable growth. The benefits to capacity and competitiveness are clear but the inflation worries associated with devaluation are overdone, particularly in the present international deflationary environment.

In fact, it can be argued result of sterling's overvalu-ation will lead to supply bottlenecks and reignite inflation once demand recovers. While gilts are now very attractive, by year-end things could be dramatically different. Then, sentiment may again be driven by the monthly trade fig-ures and the potential cur-

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the Bundesbank will keep policy tight, this will high-light the attraction of high real yields on European bond markets. The irony is that while it is sterling's commitment to the ERM that will allow gilts to benefit from any European bond market raily, and thus over-come supply and political worries, it is the very same rency risk.

Lamont seeks Euro reshape for RPI

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE advisory committee on the government's main measure of inflation, the retail price index, has been given the task of bringing the index closer into line with consumer price gauges in other European Community countries, which exclude mortgage interest payments.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, has ostensibly recalled the committee to consider the implications of the switch next year from poll tax

to council tax. He said it would also review progress on implementing the committee's previous recommendation for the inclusion of holiday expenditure in the RPI, as well as review the treatment of new cars in the

Government experts have run into difficulty in trying to include holiday costs, as ex-

cannot form part of domestic prices. New car prices are also difficult, as manufacturers frequently alter specifications at the same time as price changes are made. The inclusion of mortgage

penditure on foreign holidays

interest payments in the RPI has long been contentious because it exaggerates shortterm swings in retail prices. However, previous attempts to change the make-up of the index have failed, mainly because mortgage interest forms one of the principal items in the budgets of a high proportion of households.

The mortgage argument has been highlighted in recent months, with successive falls in mortgage rates leaving retail price inflation below the average underlying rate of inflation of prices of goods and services.

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Greece moves to carve out new international roles.

By PHILIP PANGALOS

GREECE will today launch ical and environmental issues



an initiative in Athens to high- which will govern the region's light the country's economic, development. It will look at the political and environmental role among the countries of Europe, the Mediterranean and the Black Sea.

Greeks in Athens this April. tiously entitled "Europe and the Mediterranean in the New World Order", aims to set out the basis for economic, polit-

Today's conference, to be introduced by Antonis Samaras, the Greek foreign affairs minister, will set the scene for nitaries, including Ioannis an international economic Palaiokrassas, finance minissummit to be hosted by the ter, and Andreas Andrian-The April meeting, ambi-

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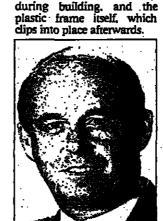
nomies which, however

opoulos, trade and industry minister., will throw their weight behind today's initiative. Greece will try to optimise its geographic position in the

factors. First, Epwin has been able to maintain its profit-tosales ratio year on year at the interim stage after excluding a full year's provision of £200,000 set aside for product design, marketing and development. Second, there is greater liquidity in the shares since John Mayon, a former managing director, placed his 15.2 per cent shareholding.

More than 45 per cent of Epwin's equity is now on the open market, making possible a switch from the Unlist-ed Securities Market to the full list when final results are announced next month. Epwin was floated on the

stock market at 155p a share in April 1987, only six months before equities crashed. That heralded the slump in the property market. Jim Rawson, the chairman, maintains that it is unfair for Epwin to suffer a low rating because of the building sector's problems. The company's exposure to the new homes market is minimal.



Rawson: rating worry

US bank merger challenged A BILL aimed at blocking the think the legislation is unnector, said the legislation aimed to preserve a competitive

America and Security Pacific has been approved unanimously by a committee of the Washington state legislature. presenting a further threat to the merger of the two California banks to form the biggest

in America. The bill, if enacted, would limit the size of bank deposit concentration in the state. Both banks have a strong presence in Washington state, which lies north of California. BankAmerica has an important business presence in Washington state through its Seafirst subsidiary. A Seafirst spokesman said: "We

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Washington state legisla-

tors had previously given the bill little chance of passage, but its senate sponsor said it was aiming to send a message

The bill would amend state banking laws to bar any merger that would "give the acquiring entity control over 30 per cent or more of the commercial deposits within the state". The combination of Security Pacific and BankAmerica would give the bank control of almost 50 per cent of commercial deposits in the state. Janice Niemi, a state senabanking system in the state. This merger is the largest bank merger in the history of bank with a greater market

Last month, BankAmerica, planned sale of deposits relating to the merger to \$7 billion, including \$2.4 billion, or around 57 branches, in Washington state. It is still uncertain when the bill might come up for a vote in the full (Reuter)

the United States. The state of Washington would have a share than any state except Nevada," she said. under pressure from federal and state regulators, raised its

1F INVESTORS in the American bond market thought they were in for an easier year in 1992, a report from Moody's, the leading rating agency, will have brought

fault Rates 1970-1991 predicts that rates of default for speculative grade issuers will remain at the historically high rate of 8.3 per cent this year.

cent in 1989. Over that three-year period, 260 issuers defaulted on public debt obligations, approximately the same as the total figure for the entire 1970-88

And just to prove that Moody's does earn its fees, the agency points out that of the 75 defaulters it rated last year, all but

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billion and \$999 million).

The biggest single defaulting sector, however, was retail, with \$3.7 billion or 18.2 per cent of the total, followed by financial services (\$3.3 billion or 16.4

The survey also emphasises the extent to which the leveraging boom of the

Eighties contributed to the glut of failures. Moody's estimates that some form of debt refinancing at least partially accounts for about a quarter of the defaults in 1990 and 1991. Last year, 24 of the 94 defaulters had gone private through a leveraged buyout at some

The figures provide a grim reminder of what might have happened here had the British leveraged boom not been snuffed out early on by the recession.

however. Although default in the American markets is inevitably an American phenomenon primarily, some high profile foreign issuers also went under. One of the best known last year was the Maxwell group of companies. Which just goes to prove, there are more ways of skinning a cat than applying

JONATHAN PRYNN

CAPITAL MARKETS

US defaults offer timely warning

them swiftly back down to earth. Corporate Bond Defaults and De-

This prediction follows a traumatic 1991 when no fewer than 94 issuers defaulted on \$20.3 billion of debt, giving a default rate of 9.5 per cent, compared with 8.8 per cent in 1990 and 5.8 per

one was rated the relatively high risk speculative grade. Not surprisingly, the biggest default

last year came from the American financial services industry. Executive Life Insurance Company, the holding company for First Executive Companies of California and New York defaulted on \$1.85 billion of public debt and several billions of dollars worth of policies. Other large defaulters that year included Columbia Gas Systems (\$1.34 billion), Trans World Airlines (\$947 million). Bank of New England (\$914 million) and two spin-outs from leveraged buyouts (\$1.24

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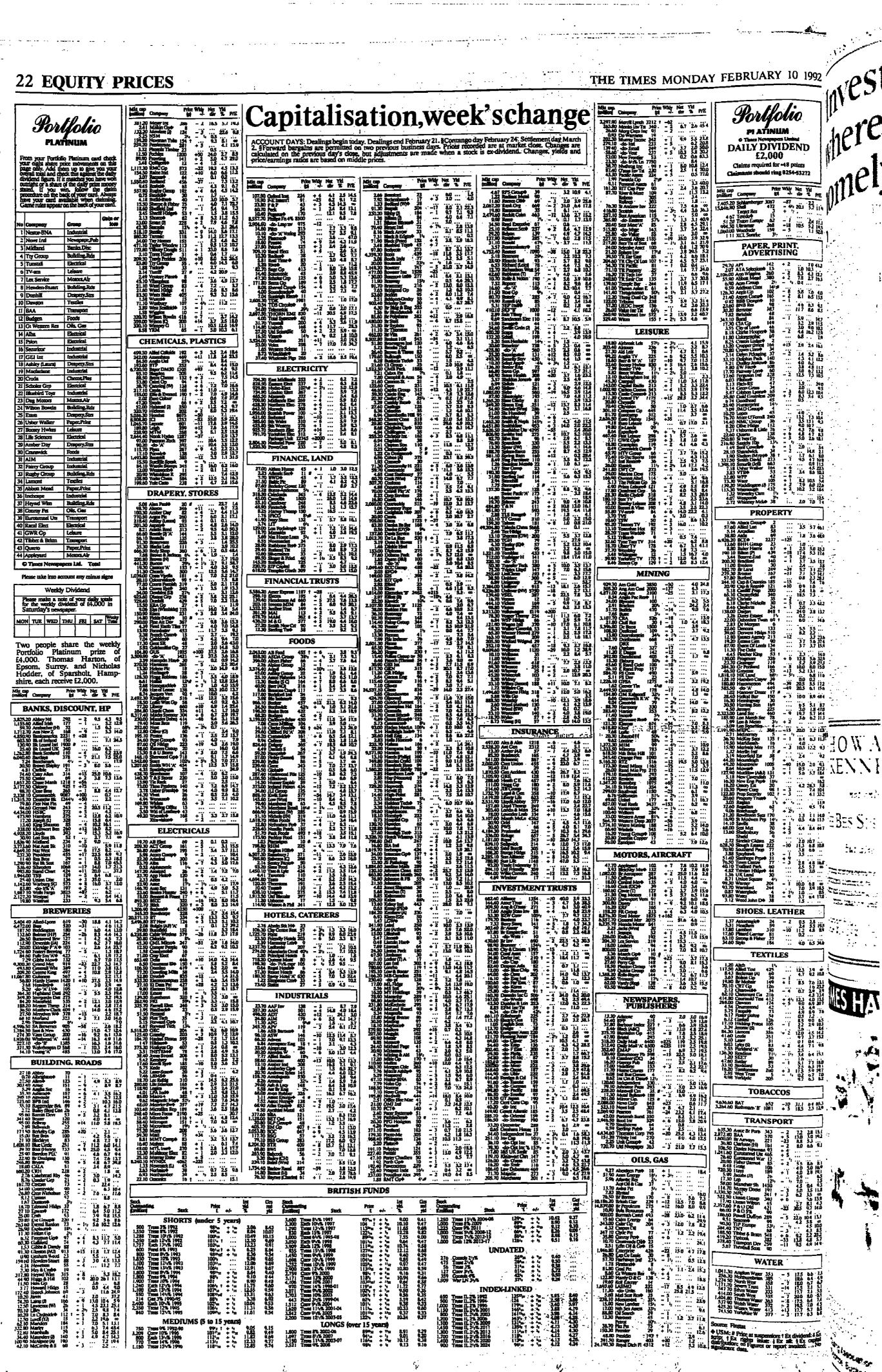
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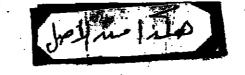
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Investors settle where there is a homely welcome

roperty-linked Business Expansion Scheme (BES) funds have been booming since BES rules were changed four years ago to promote growth in rented accommodation. Now change is in the air, possibly with some modifications coming in as early as next month's Budget and with the dispensation on property-linked funds due to end in December 1993.

There has been increasing speculation that the Chancellor may tighten up the rules on the assured growth prop-erty schemes although the main beneficiaries have been housing associations and academic institutions providing student accommodation.

If Labour forms the next government it plans to drop BES and bring in a new system to encourage manufacturing businesses. That recalls the aims of BES when it was introduced in 1983 as the successor to the Business Start-up Scheme.

BES was intended to encourage private investors to invest in small and growing businesses by offering tax incentives. The result was £660 million raised between 1983 and 1988, when the BES rules were altered to allow all of a company's assets to be in residential property provided it was let under assured tenancies.

Property companies, with their strong asset backing, drew investors away from what seemed to be much riskier prospects among trading companies in manufacturing or the service industries. The property funds could also raise up to £5 million when the trading companies had an imposed ceiling of £500,000, later

raised to £750,000. In the year of the change E192 million of E345 million invested through BES rather more than 55 per cent - flowed into the assured tenancy companies. Today more than 90 per cent of BES

Property attracts the lion's share

of BES money,

explains **Derek Harris**

investment is going into property-related funds.

The subsequent emergence of virtually guaranteed re-turns to investors had increased the lure of the property-based funds. Innovation is continuing

One of the more prolific providers of homes using the schemes, the Airways Housing Society, is introducing the first BES-based shared ownership scheme. Part of a property is owned by BES investors, on which the tenant pays rent, while the tenant owns the other portion, ini-

tially about 25 per cent. The Airways Housing Society was once the staff housing society for British Airways and although it has close working links with BA it is now an independent entity. It is among the biggest in its field, with more than £22 million raised through BES. The society manages or

provides services to more than 3,000 residential properties and has assets of more than £100 million.

The aim of the shared ownership scheme has been to provide starter homes for BA staff. It brings a new home within reach of those on the lower pay scales who cannot afford to buy outright the sort of property they need, typically a two-bedroomed house.

Simon Tattersfield, the society's chief executive, says: "So far we are the only ones to get such a scheme off the ground. There were a lot of technical problems, which we have now solved. No doubt others will follow in our

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Hearth and home: Bob Ratcliffe with Clare Burley at her house in Sunbury-on-Thames, Surrey

could mean better returns for investors from this scheme than from many other BES property offers.

In another initiative the society has set up a joint venture with Royal Berkshire County Council. BES is being used to raise £5 million to build two estates of housing for frail elderly people. Half the residents will be nominated by the council and the rest by the society.

The developments, providing a total of 89 flats and care

staff facilities, are at Windsor and Reading on county council owned land. Deposit guarantees for the schemes are £2.8 million from the society and £1.25 million from the council, backing a cov-enanted buy-back return of

140p per £1 share. There has also been a rush of funds to seize the opportunities presented by thousands of repossessed homes coming on to the market. Some have bought at auction and others from builders and developers

selling multi-home schemes at knock-down prices. Auction Raider, a fund offered by solicitors Neill

Clerk, is using a national network of estate agents to find bargains. Johnson Fry, a big BES specialist, is sponsoring more than one fund based on repossessions and has just got clearance from the Inland Revenue for one under which the Pilgrim Housing Association will acquire homes from people with heavy mortgages who

are under threat but whose homes have not yet been repossessed. That allows the owner to become a tenant with manageable outgoings with the option of buying it

back after five years. Charles Fry. the chairman of Johnson Fry, says: "The funds tackle housing problems. If the government came in with a guarantee scheme for buy-back prices, BES could be used much more widely to ease the repossession difficulties."

Ticket for distant returns

MORE than £1.5 billion has been invested through the **Business Expansion Scheme** (BES) since its 1983 start, drawn from 97,000 investors and placed in about 1,450 companies.

Trading companies from a wide area of industry and commerce have been backed in this way. Companies set up to build commercial ships have been BES funded. So have property schemes involving longer-term as-

sured tenancies. Shares issued under BES rules by such concerns cannot be offered on stock markets for at least three years so it is not easy to

assess their value.
This is part of the risk of
BES investment, which is acknowledged in the tax incentives offered to the in-dividual investor.

There is a minimum investment of £500 for the individual, who can invest up to £40,000 in any one year and set it against his or her tax liabilities. Those on the top rate of tax benefit the

Moreover, if the shares are not sold for five years or more, there will be no liability for capital gains tax. Most services qualify for BES schemes but there are exceptions such as legal and

accountancy services and leasing.
BES offers can be in the form of prospectuses from companies, through a BES-managed fund (which may have a sponsor) or through a private placing with friends

or colleagues. The watchdog for those operating in the industry, including fund managers and sponsors, is the BES Association, which operates a code of conduct binding on

DEREK HARRIS

A trade in the smaller fry

FOCUS

The amount of cash generated by Business Expansion Schemes (BES) and invested in individual trading companies, from smaller manufacturers to those in service industries, represents at most 5 per cent of all BES activity, Derek

The innovative scheme has involved two small estates

with 23 properties at Sunbury-on-Thames and

West Drayton, both near

Heathrow airport. Initially.

£2 million was raised through

a BES and earlier this month

there was a fresh offer intend-

ed to raise another £3 million.

This will enable the shared

ownership scheme to grow to

The first tenant to move into the new properties was Claire Burley, a BA job train-

ing supervisor. She says: "We

had been looking for a home

for some time but the prices were always just out of our reach. This has given us a

home with a garden and garage. It is our dream come

Tattersfield believes. In its

non-BES activities the society

already has 440 homes let

under shared ownership ar-

rangements. One non-BES

shared ownership home went

to Bob Ratcliffe, the society's

chairman, who has worked

Investors leave the scheme

through the tenant buying

the balance of the property at

the end of the agreed term.

How much that raises will

depend on the value of the

Tattersfield argues that with

house prices possibly at their lowest the likely growth in

values over the next five years

property then.

for BA for 26 years.

here is no question about the size of demand for shared

ownership, Mr

60 or so properties.

Harris writes. Of £265 million_ raised through BES public share offers in the financial year to last April, only £12 million was for trading companies, the lowest sum ever. Of that sum, £2.7 million was accounted for by companies formed to finance commercial shipping.

In the previous couple of years the proportion going to trading companies had ex-ceeded 10 per cent. More

investment cash was diverted to the property-related funds because of strongest guarantees yet offered for growth.
Yet BES can bring expansion to companies which



Investment funds reach small

trading companies with big plans

might otherwise be unreachable, as some of the earlier BES beneficiaries are still

duced in April 1983, Robert Feld was in what he calls the "ma and pa" end of the hotel business, running family establishments. Now he is managing director of Brightonbased Resort Hotels, capitalised at £63 million and quoted on the stock market. BES made it possible for Resort Hotels to acquire and

the country.

Mr Feld, who has been in the business for more than 20 years, started with two hotels. Adopting the BES technique meant ownership of subse-

build a chain of hotels around

quently acquired properties rested with the investors, at least until the BES matured after five years. Meanwhile a team led by Mr Feld managed the hotels in the expectation that investors exchanging their BES shares for a stake in the main company. An option was then to sell that stake in the market

Nine years on, Resort owns 14 hotels while another 21 are passing through their BES phase at various stages of maturation. The company has a firm option to purchase

Mr Feld says: "BES has done well for us. We intend to expand further, using such

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schemes." There have been benefits elsewhere, he points out. A thriving business has created jobs and added to national and local tax

revenues. Among the sponsors of trading company BES, as well as those in other sectors, are Capital Ventures of Cheltenham and Capital for Companies, based in Leeds

apital Ventures was a pioneer in BES trading company schemes. Dennis Fredjohn, the chairman, says that although there were many BES candidates it was not easy to compete for funds with lowrisk property businesses, even though returns from trading companies could be higher: one entrepreneur that Capital Ventures backed with £120,000 in 1982 is worth

£18 million.

Mr Fredjohn says: "With trading companies there is an element of risk but it is possible to get considerably

Mike Dickenson, a director of Capital for Companies, says: "We try to invest in what we see as real companies that employ people, and usually that is most likely to be in manufacturing. In our first three funds investors had a return of more than 20 per cent. That encouraged us to keep going."

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Rosslyn

Park

motivated

by Dear

TOUTS plying their trade 90

minutes before kick-off with

turnstiles open to the public suggested a bizarre afternoon ahead at Roehampton on

Saturday. A dozen or so Max

Wall lookalikes streaming

across the pitch to praise their

Thurrock heroes on the final

came back in November,

when Thurrock beat London

Irish 16-10 in the third round

of the Pilkington Cup. This

was a bonus and Rosslyn Park in the fourth round

proved an entirely different

matter, the two-week post-ponement because of bad

weather proving significant. In that time, Simon Dear,

the Park England B interna-

tional, made a much-

publicised move to Harlequins: not a popular one, certainly, but one that may

just give Park the edge they

need to salvage something

Richard Moon, their cap-

tain, said after the match:

"This could be the start of a very long road. A lot of char-acter is required by my play-

ers, but they intend to see the

season out, with or without Simon Dear." Nobody can

With Simon Hunter pass

ing a late fitness date and Andrew Holder at stand-off half, Park were at full

strength, and, once they

edged ahead after 21 min-

utes, justified the final mar-

gin of five goals, two tries and two penalty goals to a goal and three penalty goals. For 15 minutes, Thurrock

did their supporters proud and took a 6-3-lead, but, as

the impetus waned. Hunter

and Brooks opened the way

for Park. Another penalty goal each made it 18-9 at half-time.

With nothing to lose, Thur-

rock again took up the challenge, but four punishing five-

metre scrummages early in the second half sapped their strength and the floodgates opened. Moon. Brooks.

deny the character today.

from the season.

whistle rounded it off. Realistically, the heroics

Rosslyn Park.. Thurrock By BARRY TROWBRIDGE

Gloucester opt for a low-risk strategy

Gloucester. London Scottish..

By Peter Bills

THE blind side that Gloucester exploited so fruitfully in the opening 15 minutes of this Pilkington Cup tie led them down a blind alley. The three snipes the scrum half, Hannaford, made to create two early tries for Gloucester provided an early 10-0 lead able early base, they chose to rely on a safe, low-risk game that wrapped up the Exiles but only rarely encouraged the home side to expand its

own approach. Gloucester should have made more of so propitious an opening. An eventual margin of a goal, two tries and two penalty goals to a try and a penalty goal was as disappointing to them as their concession of 17 penalties during

the game.

Their back play was never convincing and Matthews's stock tactic, the high kick ahead, became repetitive. When other tactics, briefly employed, failed, Gloucester went back to doing what they know best — driving on through the forwards. Here, it sufficed, but it probably would not against sides of the calibre of Bath or Harle-

Scottish, drawing deeply on White's splendid quality, were partly responsible for restricting their opponents after a start their coach. Alistair McHarg, called

Few teams could offer

he said, yet there was enough in the following hour of the match to suffest that Scottish should survive if they gain promotion to the first division

They will have learned that greater support for White is essential and more use must be made of hard-earned

Cramb kicked away most of when his backs might have fancied giving the Gloucester defence a stiffer examination than from the kick ahead.

Scottish expended much energy on the rolling maul, often inconsenquentially since they were numed and forced to retreat after initial gain, while the tedious process of collapsed scrummages blighted this game just as it does so many these days.

Hannaford's initial dart made Hawker's try followed quickly by one from Mathews, both down the short side. Gloucester took another 38 minutes to score again, when Smith and Grecian exchanged penalties.

A try by the industrious Ashmead was popularly re-ceived, but, at 17-3 with only 15 minutes remaining, Gloucester's ascendancy had materialised much later than

Wasps no menace to London rivals

Harlequins ..

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

HARLEQUINS, with all the blithe confidence that England now demonstrate even when operating at less then peak efficiency, dismissed the challenge to their Pil-kington Cup hopes of Wasps at Sudbury on Saturday. That there was never more

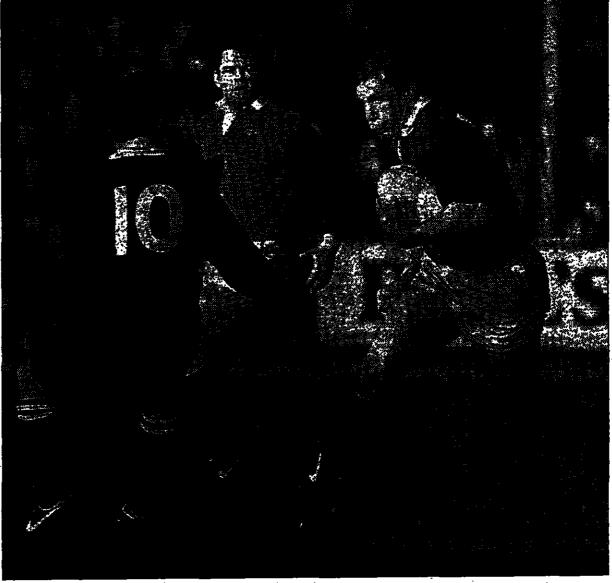
than seven points difference between the teams until injury-time fails to indicate the substantial difference in class and organisation; nor, for that matter, the feeling among Harlequins that, whatever happens in the whatever happens in the league, the cup has become their province. They hold it and, on this showing will not concede it lightly.

They opted for a simple game that produced victory in this postponed fourthround tie by two tries, three penalty goals and a dropped goal to a goal and a penalty

goal to a goal and a penalty goal. In the end, despite the heat generated last month by the late decision to post-pone because of a pitch, it was a curiously passionless affair. Even the crowd, approaching 3,000, seemed to recognise the inevitability of a Harlequins victory, which was emphasised by Wasps' inability to make more of a lineout, followed by a fivemetre scrum midway through the second half. O'Leary was held up at the first and Hobley, standing in at hooker, heeled against

The cup holders, who had intended to play a wider game, tailored their ap-proach after losing two play-ers on the half-hour. Halliday limped off with a damaged hamstring which, allied to the presence of the confident but inexperienced Challinor at stand-off half,

the head at the second



Irresistible force: Davies has the unenviable job of trying to halt Winterbottom as Carling looks on

inhibited the back division. who had played a storming game, was helped off with torn medial ligaments. He has had the knee immobilised in the hope of avoiding an operation but the injury has wrecked his aspirations to a B cap. He had scored the game's first try, support-ing Edwards's break from a lineout and being driven over in a running maul by

his colleagues.

Thereafter Harlequins chose to keep the ball close and use their big men to run at the Wasps' fringe. Coker, fresh from a fortnight in his native Queensland, was par-ticularly effective and if ever

Wasps found themselves in possession, they also found Winterbottom playing at full throttle. Harlequins es-tablished a notable grip on the lineout; nearly a halfssion, they also found hour had gone before Wasps laid a finger on some posses

sion from that phase. Nor did Wasps help them-selves by the number of penalties conceded, far too many for going over the ball. Pears knocked over three kicks to dampen the enthu-siasm engendered by Wasps' try, a delightful score created by robbing their opponents at a lineou in their own half, the back row surging away and link-ing with the backs for

Clough to complete matters. Wasps may have felt that a 13-6 half-time lead with the use of the wind to come

did not constitute too high a hurdle; but the wind died, as did their cup hopes, as the Harlequins forwards took a grip, kept play largely in the Wasps half and reduced a competent back line to inco-

herence.

Challinor dropped a neat goal and, in injury-time.

Langhorn emerged from the bottom of a heap with a triumphant shake of the fist to clinch Harlequins' place in today's quarter-final

☐ Two No. 8s. Dean Richards, for Leicester, and Richard Arnold, for Newcastle Gosforth, ensured progress for their clubs.

Richards scored two tries in the 20-12 victory at Waterloo while Arnold, the New Zealander, scored three in the 21-9 win over gallant Manchester.

Marichester.

SCORERS: Wasss: Try: Clough.
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(Traety, S O'Leary, M Rigby, M Harris.
HARLEQUINS: D Pears; A Harriman, W
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Thompson; P Challingr. R Gignister; J
Leonard, S Moore, A Mulline, M Russell
(rep: M Hobley), N Edwards, T Coker, P
Whiterbonom, R Langhorn.
Referee: D Matthews (Liverpool).

General Barnes turns close battle

Alexander kicks away Sale's slim hopes

Northampton..

Sale.

By BRYAN SYTLES

(aet; score after 80min 9-9)

THERE is nothing Fred referee, likes better than some jolly repartee with the players. A smile and a merry quip can work wonders in furious games — and they do not come any faster or more furious than this rip-roaring Pilkington Cup tie at Franklins Gardens on Saturday.

BY MICHAEL STEVENSON

HOPES of a real contest in

this fourth round Pilkington

Cup match faded as Matt

Alexander missed his fifth

John Olver, the Northampton captain, found to his cost that England's leading referee has his breaking point. "The captain swore at me," Howard said. "There is no one better to have some pleasant banter with than John Olver, but he swore at me

pinched yards at a penalty." The outburst prompted the referee to order that the game be restarted with a penalty against Olver on the halfway line. Up stepped Barnes again to send the ball between the posts and capture the lead.

after half-time. Richard

Booth had also missed twice

as the Sale pack struggled to

maintain a parity that saw

Orrell held to two tries in a

After 16 minutes, Gallag-

her side-stepped, drove, and

fed Fielden, who got the scor-

ing pass to Taberner. Morris

dour, niggling first half.

Barnes's shrewdness had led to the situation. Webb was going to kick for touch from the first penalty nearly 50 metres out, but Barnes persuaded him that he could land a goal. The second penalty was a bonus for his astuteness.

awaredness and patience that tipped the scales in Bath's favour. In fact, Jack Rowell, the redoubtable coach of Bath, thought during the second half that the Saints were going to bulldoze their way into the quarter-finals. "It was touch and go," he said.

Taberner accelerated like a

sprinter, and Cleary took his

After the interval Halsall

hacked and hared 75 yards to

score. While Strett converted,

Alexander's woes increased.

A delightful break by

Burnhill was nullified when

Alexander held the ball up,

and his miss-move pass was

well-timed pass for a try.

Webb had kicked a penalty goal in the first minute but three landed by Steele made the score 9-9 after 80 minutes. In the first minute of extra-time a sharp passing move by the Bath backs sent Fallon into the corner for the match-winning try.

SCORIERS: Northampton: Penelty goels: Steele (3), Beth: Try: Felton, Penelty goels: Webb, Bernes (2), Fullon, Penelty goels: Webb, Bernes (2), Fullon, Penelty (3), NORTHAMETON: I Hunter; F Pactreen, C Burns, R MacNeughton, H Thomesycroft; J Steele, D Ethington; G Batchell, CJ Olver, G S Pearce, T Rocher, J Ethintog, M Beyleid, R Tebbutk, W Shellond, BATH: JM Webb; AH Swift, J C Guacott, P de Glarville, J Fallon; S Burnes, R J Hill (ver, S Knight); G J Chilcott, R G R Deves, V Libogu (rep: J Mailett), R A Robinson, M Hasg, N C Redreen, S Ojomoh, B Clarke.

intercepted for a fine try by

WYDTI.
SCORERS: Orreit: Tries: Taberner (2), Halsell (2), Cleary, Wynn, Heelop. Conversions: Strett (4).
SALE J Hellinder: J Powell, P Stansfield, S Burnhill, K Young: M Alexander, R Booth; M Whitsomba, D Taylor, N Wheeler, M Kenfok, D Beldwin, C Raducanu, D Erstdra, A MacFarlane.
ORRELL: S Taberner: N Heelop. S Largiturd frep: I Wysrn), M Fleiden, P Heislel, M Shrett, D Morrits; M Hymes, N Hischen, D Southern, P Menley, R Kimmine, C Cusmi, D Cheery, S Gellegher.
Referate: J Couleon (Northumberland).

Wynn.

Newbridge reap reward

Pontypool. Newbridge.....

By GERALD DAVIES

THERE may, after all, be some justice in the dog-eatdog atmosphere of survival that has gripped some Welsh clubs since the inception of the Heineken League. The fancy clubs of the richer. coastal strip may arrogantly benefit from the generous work of others, but Pontypool and Newbridge, who have suffered in the past, still manage to reap the rewards of their own efforts.

They are among among those clubs who see their players through their early days only for for the players, their trade learned, to doff their caps, say "cheerio" with barely a "thank you", and toddle off to join one of the predator clubs along the M4 corridor. Newbridge for instance, as Paul Evans, their astute coach, pointed out, have in Gibbs, still aged only 20, a flanker of real class, but how

long will it be before the

acquisitive clubs on the coast-

36 HERIOTS FP

Selidric Tries: Tuksto (4), Hunter, Buck-ley Const. Pow (3). Pens: Pow (2). Heriot's FP: Pens: Changleng (3). .

Stewarts Melville FP: Try D Tromson. Con: String, Pens: String (4). Currie: Tries: Notan (2), Dickson, Forrester. Cons: Donaldson (2). Pens: Donaldson (5).

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Stirling County: Try: Broogh. Core MacDonald Pen: MacDonald Boroughmuir: Tries: Reid, Price, MecRee, Walker. Const Walker (2).

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WEEKEND RUGBY UNION BESIT TO AND TAB

He will do better by staying will Evens, who is expable of bringing the best out of even

Pontypool might have hoped to have been leading the league after Saturday. The history books suggested as much: they had not lost anywhere to Newbridge since 1982 and had to go back another decade when they last lost on their own patch. In the event though, Newbridge, in winning by a goal, four tries and a penalty goal to two penalty goals, recorded their highest score



penalty apiece by Jones and

Hayward the only recordable incidents until, with only five minutes to go before the break Fealey and Rees fash-ioned space for Manley to score a try. Direct from the kick-off, Waters charged into the midfield, but his long pass to Glasson went astray. However, the winger managed to hack it on and, after kicking on again, won the touchdown for Hayward to convert. Jones kicked another penalty before half-time.

Newbridge never looked like surrending the initiative after that and Fealey, Gibbs and Manley scored the second-half tries.

SCORERS: Porthypool: Penalty goels: M Jones (2). Newbridge: Tries: Manley (2). Glasson, Feeley, Globs: Conversion: Hayward. Penalty goet: Hayward. PontryPool.: A Parry; S White, R Lewis, L. Jones, M Jones: D Philips, S Jardine (rep: C Jonethan), A Dibble, N Meek, M Crowley, F Jacas, N Jones, C Crice, M Spiller, R Goodey. F. Jacas, N. Jornes, C. Lander, R. Brown, Goodey, NEWBRIDGE: D. Rees; D. Mannley, R. Brown, S. Crandon, A. Glascon; B. Hayward, S. Feeley, J. Rowlands, K. Waters, S. Jenkins-(rige; B. Fisher), A. Gibbs, A. Colling, A. Sutton, D. Rotteris, H. Taylor, Referenc G. Simmonde (Cardiff).

Worthing 48, Old Jüdden 16, Third division north east: Besidon 11, Old Edwardian 19, Brentwood 28, Carvey Island 3, Colchester 20, Westciff 9, Third division north west: Hernel Hempsteed 15, Hentord 17; Lenebury 13, Grasshopper 16, Old Albanians 29, St Mary's Hospitel 6, Welwyn 24, Upper Clapton 18. Third division south east: Chichester 3, Charlton Park 12; Crawley 11, Horstem 28; Darttordians 33, Hastings and Bednill 12, Hore 7, Beckenhaft 22; Old Beocehamans 15, Old Brockleians 3.

against their near-neigh-bours, bearing the 14-3 vic-tory back in 1955. Davison, Barnett and Hill scored tries in a 22-minute spell, punctuated only by the biggest cheer of the day, The game was won in two minutes in the first half. A

which came when Barry Magnurson swept over on the in right for Thurrock. For their part, Park called a press_conference regarding Whittam, the club secretary, said: "Basically, it is very sad that he has left the club. He has made a statement to the press [suggesting that a change of club will advance his international prospects]. but if you believe that, you'll believe the world is flat."

Cup rules would prevent Dear's involvement, but what price Harlequins v Rosslyn Park in the quarter-finals?

SCORERS: Rosslyn Paric Tries: Hunter, Brooks (2), Moon, Davison, Barnett, Ha. Conventions: Graves (5). Penalty goals: Graves (2). Thurrook: Try: B Magnuson. Conversion: Steven. Penalty goals: Sieven (3)

POSSLYN PARK: J Graves; S Hunter, K Wyles, G Letau, M Thomas; A Holder, R Moort, P Essenhigh (rep: D Curry) D Barnett, J Read, A Minward, J Fowler, W Cevision, M HB, A Brooks.

THURROCK: R Geches; B Magnurson, C Fuller, S Livermore, P Gay: J Steven, M Eyles; K Waterford, P Scarmell, B Robinson, J Snith, J Hayter, J Magnurson, P Stephens, N Writey; Referen: M Figher (RFU).

Mitchell maintains an unbeaten record

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penalty goal attempt shortly later worked the blind.

full back, maintained England's unbeaten record over Wales by scoring the marchwinning try in injury time in the first women's rugby international to be staged at Car-diff Arms Park yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes). England won 14-10.

Deborah Francis, the Richmond wing, gave England the lead with the opening try of the game, but Wales hit back courtesy of a try by their Pontypool flanker, Jackie Morgan.
The first of two penalty

goals by Samantha Porter, the Cardiff stand-off half winning international honours in her third sport, gave Wales the lead, but Karen Almond, her opposite number, made it

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JANE Mitchell, the Saracens 7-7 at the interval with a penalty of her own. Porter's second successful kick ten minutes into the second half raised Welsh hopes again in front of a 2,500 crowd, but

Almond ried the scores again

with her second penalty.

With her second penalty.

SCORIERS: Wales: Try, Morgan: Penalty goals: Porter (2). England: Tries: Francis, affichal, Penalty goals: Almond (2).

WALES: J Thomas (Backurd): W Shaw (Lampeler), J Jones (Blasmau Gwent), E Davies (Richmond), P George (Richmond); S Porter (Cardiff), J Decaux (Cardiff), B Davies (Lampeler), J Jones (Cardiff), B Davies (Lampeler), J Morgan (Pontypoof), L Burgess (Samoons, captain), G Mann (Cardiff).

ENGLANID: J Mitchell (Saracens), C Stennett (Wasps), J Edwards (Backheath), G Prangell (Richmond), C Stennett (Wasps), J Edwards (Backheath), E Mitchell (Saracens), J Mangham (Waterloo), S Wachholz (Richmond), S Ewing (Wasps), H Stirup (Wasps), S Warn (Citton), G Burns (Weterloo), M Edwards (Blackheath), Referee: W D Beven (WRD).

Pilkington Cup Fourth round

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(after extra time) Northampton: Pens: Steele (3). Bath Try: Fallon. Pens: Barnes (2). Webb ROSSLYN PK 44 THURROCK 15 Rosslyn Park: Tries: Brooks (2), Hunter, Moon. Davison, Barnett, Hill Cons: Graves (5) Pens: Graves (2). Thurrock: Try: Magnurson Con: Steven. Pens: O ORRELL , 36 SALE

Orrell: Tries: Taberner (2), Halsali (2), Cleary, Win. Cons: Strepp (5), Norris. 9 HARLEQUINS 20 WASPS Wasps: Try: Clough Con; Daviez, Pen: Davies. Harlequine: Tries: Russell, Langhom Pens: Pears (3). Dropped goal: Challenor.

WATERLOO 12 LEICESTER 20 Waterloo; Try: Northey: Con: Aricheson. Pens: Artcheson (2) Leicester: Tries: Richards (2), Garforth Con: Liley, Pens: Liley (2)

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Fourth division north

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Neath: Tries: Reynolds (3). Con: Thorburn. Pens: Thorburn (2). Maesteg: Tries: Doble. Williams, Woodland Con: Edwards Pens: Edwards (2). NEWPORT 14 BRIDGENID Newport: Tries: Westwood (2) Pens: Harnes (2) Bridgend: Try: Lewis. Perc Evans.

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Second division

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McEwan's Scottish League First division 16 WATSONIANS 20

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HEINEKEN WELSH LEAGUE: Third division: Blaina 42, Aberavon Guna 3; Bonynaen 6, Naturchi 30; Mountain Ash 3, Liandovery 13; Tenby United 28; Rumney 3; Tencrity 6, Wradham 6; Fourth division: Abercynon 35, Khiweily 4; Cifynydd 6, Pontypod United 25; Kenfig Hil 18, St Peter's 10; Ruffan 12, Blackwood 18, Tumble 20, Ystradgynkis

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WALES: Welsh Brewers Cup: Fourth round: Beaufort 9, Nantyglo 12, Newtown 13, Cwmfwrch 0 East District Championship: Carolif Irsi 23, Taffs Well 16; Old litydians 12, Pentych 13, Tennents Planer Mid District Championship: Bolith Wells 31, Tonyrefee 3; Llantrisant 10, Beddau 12, Senghesynd 3, Caepphilly 15, Wistech Gentral Glamorgan League: Cefn Criticher 9, Neath Ath 10; Maesteg Cellic 11, Bridgend Ath 17; Nantyffyllond, Tundo 14, Porthoand 22, Meesteg Cellic 11, Bridgend Ath 17; Nantyffyllond, Tundo 14, Porthoand 22, Meesteg Cellic 11, Bridgend Ath 17; Nantyffyllond, Tundo 14, Porthoand 22, Meesteg Cellic 11, Bridgend Ath 17; Nantyffyllond, Tundo 14, Tontouri Staff Championship: Abergavenny 21, Tredegar konsides 10, Crossyuellog 19; Cwmbran 12; Rhymney 12, Garndiffalth 15; David McLaen Novih Wales League: Dolgelleu 3, Colvyn Bay 23, Mold v Bangor Univ (off), Pelifhel 78, Bangor 8, Rhyl 41, Llandscho 5, Jenesons Pembroke bock Cains 7; Pembroke Pock Cains 7; Pembroke Fishguard; Whithard 28, St Davids 0 LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Courage Chibs, Championship: First division: LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Courage Chibs. Chimbionaline: First division: Eich Marior 17, Old Gaytonians 3; Lewes 11; Chriding 13; Old Alleynlans 17, Old Michelburghams 21; Strattfarm and Groy-toni25; Rulettp 7; Setcond division north: Barleig 21; Bishop 2; Stortford 18; Lestinvorth 12, Chinglord 0. Second division: south: Gravesend 17, Camberley 38; Old Coffeins 32. Turbridge Wells 7; US Portsmouth 18, Ester 10; Westcombe Park 20, Old Blues 0;

Guys Hospitel 6.

SOUTH WEST! Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Madenheed 16. Torquey 16. Newforty 12. Berry Hill 18. Reading 20. Cinderford 31. Safisbury 6. Chelrenham 27: St. Ivas 9. Britcham 3. Second division: Henley 28. Barnetaple 14: Marlow 13. Combe Down 11. Oxford 30. Abbey 6. Penrys 24. Maison 3. Stroad 15. Taunion 18. Western Counties: Eaunceston 16. Avonmouth 6. Newquary Homets 3. Old Culverhayseang 28: Oxertampton 3. Clevedon 13; Penzance-Newlyn 9. Sridgester 11; Twarton 9. Spartans 13. Southern Counties: Bournamouth 27. Oxer 16: Dorchester 10. Belichley 3. Redingensians 8. Aylesbury 25: Swanage and Wareham 4. Banbury 32: Winborne 6, Windger 7. Correvall and Devon: Expouth 8, Bidsford 15; Hayle 23, Exster Saracons 4; Plymouth CS 10, Crediton 24; Sidmouth 6, Teignmouth 0; Truro 10, Selfash 0. Gloucester and Somerzet: Frome 9. Cleve 7: Gloucester Old Boys 40, Dings Crussders 5: Keynsham 28, Concey Hill 6: Oldfield Old Boys 30, Whiteheld 16: Wivelscombe 49, Cirencester 6: Bucks and Oxote: Mitton Keynes 3, Bloester 22-Oxford Marshon 51; Penusaness 6: Stoogh 15; Chimner 12: Wheatley 6, Oxford Old Boys 9: Witney 16, Beaconsfield 12: Berkshire; Dorset and Williams 14; Bournehmuth, Poly 16: Millisham 3, Devizes 6; Weyntouth 19, Wootton Baseelf 10.

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West Park 29, Sandbach 17; Wigan 3, Huddersfield 6, North West: First division: Cockernouth 16, St Edwards Old Boys 16; New Brighton 38, Egremont D. Sedgley Park 31, Caldy 12: Wirrel 10, Chester 10, Second division: Blackburn 31, Kirkby Lonadale 0; Merseyside Police 35, Netherhad 0; Old Aldwinana 14, Warrington 25, South Liverpool 10, Rochdes 12; Wiffreld 16, Asthon on Mersey 9, North East: First division: Braniley 26, Keighley 24, Morpeth 7, York 25, Norocastrians 0, West Park Bramhope 13; Old Brodleans 22, Gatashead Fell 15, Ponteirsci 12, Blaydon 31, Second division: Asthington 3, Blyth 25, Old Hymertana 17, Beverley 15; Redicar 9, Westoe 9; Ripon 6, Thornensians 19; Selby 6, Bridlington 24, Durham and Northumbertand: First division: Bishop Auckland 28, Consett 8, Hardepool 9, Segnill 13, Horden 30, Darlington RA 10, Mowden Park 15, Acklam 7, Sunderland 6 Ryton 18

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MIDLANDS: Courage Clubs Champonahlp: First division: Learnington 29, Derby 9, Mensiveld 21, Camp Hilf 6: Newark 15, Barkers Butts 9, Stoke on Trent 16, Syaton 7; Westleigh 15, Leighton Butzard 4, Second division east: Matlock 23, Stewarts and Lloyds 0, Pavors 13, Amber Valley 3, Paterborough 14, Biggleswade 12; Stockwood Park 13, Moderns 10, Vipers 24, Scunthope 6, Second division west: Boomsgrove 0, Statford 7, Burton 17, Sutton Coldifield 6: Whitchurch 30, Bread Street 13; Wolverhampton 7, Bedworth 20; Worcester 25, Newbold 18 East Midlands: Northampton 20, Statford 7, Burton 10 Scoults 12, Welkingborough Old Grammanans 12; Welkingborough Old Grammanans 12; Huntingdon 27, East Midlands and Leloester: Coulville 18, Kettering 8, Luton 17, Ampthill 14, Northampton Boys Brigade 31, Aylestone 31, James 0, Stoneygate 14, Luttlerworth 0; Welkingborough 12, Hinckley 8, Notts, Linus and Derby; Dronfield 7, Giossop 7, Kesteven 8, Chesterfield 23; Mellian 8, West Bridgford 9, Spalding 50, Southwell 10, Stamlord 10, Lincoln 9, North Midlands: Luctonians 6, Dudley 7; Ludow 7, Klings Norton 0; Old Yardeleans 14, Disconlans 9; Shewesbery 12, Aston Old Edwardlens 8, Warwicks; Kerthworth 7, Willandhall 3, Newcastle (Staffs) 8, Tamworth 3; Nunesion 21; Old Leasningtonians 35, Coventry Welsh 4.

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Auction Law to pass acid test

AUCTION Law must win the twice, first at Cheltenham Lugg Handicap Chase at and then again at Towcester. Lugg Handicap Chase at Hereford today with only 10st 5lb if he is to justify his trainer David Barons's decision to enter him for the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham next month.

Barons has always thought a lot of the eight-year-old, a view partly vindicated by his two bumpers wins and five in hurdles. However Auction Law's chasing career has been rather disappointing. After starting off promisingly at Newton Abbot when second to the useful Cala-

Although many of his horses have run below par this season, apparently too high a nitrate level in a delivery of hay was to blame, Barons believes that Auction Law is a far better horse than we have yet seen this season.

Since the handicapper has had no option but to rate him on the evidence before him. Auction Law now has an ideal opportunity to prove his trainer's point. Certainly a repetition of that run behind Calabrese would suffice. My nap selection, though.

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

is Star Season to win the Moorfield Novices Chase Once capable of winning the valuable Lanzarote Hurdle at Kempton, Richard Holder's eight-year-old made a pleasing chasing debut at Newton Abbot on Boxing day when he beat the favourite It's Nearly Time by two lengths. His subsequent defeat at

Leicester at the hands of The

Illywhacker was by no means

can pick up the winning thread in this company. Plumpton's fixture marks

the belated seasonal debut of Gardie Grissell's Le Chat Noir in the Hassocks Handicap Chase. A clean-winded type who won first time out last season at Folkestone, before winning over this course and distance, Lingfield and Fontwell, Le Chat Noir can give weight away all round. A good run by another course and distance winner Bendicks will add support to

the belief that Maple Dancer

can also defy top weight by

ices' Handicap Chase. Although said by his train-

er, Oliver Sherwood, to do only what is absolutely necessary, Maple Dancer has still won two of last three races, beating Bendicks on one of those occasions. He lost nothing in defeat when runner-up to Shamana, who nearly won again at Newbury last Friday.

While Days Of Thunder should go well in the Firle Place Juvenile Novices' Hurdle judged on the way he beat Vadovia over this course and distance last month, I prefer Martin Pipe's runner Ring

brese, he has been below form a disgrace and Star Season winning the Jevington Nov-MANDARIN THUNDERER RICHARD EVANS 1.50 Canoscan. 2.20 Le Chat Noir. 2.50 Towny Boy. 3.20 Katesville. 3.50 Master South Lad. 4.20 Days Of Thunder. 4.50 MY KEY SILCA 2.50 Towny Boy. 3.20 Gunner's Flight. BETTING: 5-4 Kalesville, 100-30 Breenemore, 5-1 Privateperformance, 8-1 Hawkes Bay, 12-1 others, 3.50 Maple Dancer FORM FOCUS 4.50 Sally's Gem. BREENAMORE head 2nd to Royal Sting (rec 5lb) in iturner chase at Folicestone (2m 4f, firm). HAWKES PAY's most recent recent form when successful in four moderate point-to-points less season. KATES-VILLE bas Geen successful over hundles and in National Hunt field-recent invested from the points was a useful pointer, withing his four starts in 1990. PRIVATEPERFORMANCE lest of the 5 inciseners to Paytone Price (levels) beaten over 50I in a hunter Scheduler Payton Price (levels) beaten over 50I in a hunter Scheduler Payton Price (levels) beaten over 50I in a hunter scheduler Price (levels) beaten over 50I in a Brian Beel: 3.20 Gunner's Flight. GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) 1.50 SHEFFIELD PARK NOVICES HURDLE (£1,165: 2m) (11 runners) 34-1345 SEVENTH LOCK 40 (F) (Mrs M.Heath) O Sherwood 6-11-11. 2 30-PF32 CANOSCAN 27 (B) (Lady Sarah Clutton) Lady Herries 7-11-5... 3 056/052- EASTERN EVENING 381 (J Poulton) J Long 7-11-5... 4 0 EVERY ONE A GEM 12 (J Denlets) M Obon-5-11-5... 5 0/P- GROOM PORTER 379 (R Holbrook & K Harris) M Pipe 6-11-5... 6 5 KEEN AS OATS 39 (Mrs E Boucher) D Grissell 6-11-5... 7 680 MULL HOUSE 30 (BF) (M Lowny) F. O'Nahony 5-11-5... 9 P- AGAINST THE FLOW 161F (J Mooney) J Eliott 6-11-0... 9 P- AGAINST TYOU 27 (BF) (Gary K Morby) R Akethurst 5-11-0... 1 F AAD BUNTING 24 (H & S Laycock) R Voorspuy 5-11-0... 1 TIMO: R5 M & House 9-2 Concerns 11-2 Archivel You E-1 Senerath Lond 3.50 JEVINGTON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (21,908: 2m 4f) (14 runners) 2s:12 MAPLE DANCER 2s (B.C.F.G.S) (Dr. I Shenkin) O Strenwood 6-12-7 J McCarthy (7) P58P13 MOZE TIDY 2f (CD.G) (M Greenway) R Rove 7-11-7 T Grantham 3 -0-0-11UJ WEBSS WONDER 25 (B.G.) (Mrs M Webb) P Hobbs 7-10-12 Peter Hobbs 4 3PJU-53 COUNTRY CAP 27 (S) (R Townsend) R Townsend 11-10-12 Mr D Townsend 5 -53-8411 OK CORRAL 33 (CD.F.G) (Mrs C Dentiord) J White 5-10-10 R Guest 6 2P3F40 MASTER SOUTH LAD 9 (H Carnet & Son Ltd) N Mitchell 8-10-10 D Skyrme 7 0-U2UPU P5LHAM-SUITE 69 (B) (The Petham Hotel Racing Club) J Gifford 7-10-7 B de Haan 9 50/356F MARK KYBO 7 (Mrs I Kerman) R O'Sulfivan 8-10-3 D O'Sulfivan (3) 10 5504-P4 URBAN SUITER 10 (Mrs J Griet) D Grissell 8-10-1 J Akathurst 12 54-84PF MR KIRBY 46 (V.D.S) (J O'Donovan) A Jones 10-10-0 G Upton 13 F/440/6 RYMOLBRESSE 34 (Breener Fabrications Ltd) P Hobbs 7-10-0 H Jenkins BETTING: 9-4 Moze Tidy, 4-1 Maple Dancer, 6-1 Master South Lad, 7-1 Webba Wonder, 8-1 others. J Leech BETTING: 8-5 Muli House, 9-2 Canoscan, 11-2 Ageinst You, 8-1 Seventh Lock, 10-1 others. 1991: MEETING ABANDONED - FROST AND SNOW FORM FOCUS BETTING: 94 Moze Tidy, 41 Maple Dancer, 61 Master South Lad, 7-1 Webbs Wonder, 8-1 others. SEVENTH LOCK 111 5th to Super Ritchart in a novice hurdle at Leicester (rec 12b) (2m, good). CANOSCAN 6I 2nd to Topo Down (rec 2b) with Against 70U (rec 9b) 344h 54h in a novice fundle at Ascot (2m 100yd, good to soft), EASTERN EVENING 3hi 2nd to Rowlandsons Geme (gave 12b) in a novice hurdle at Lingfield (2m, standard). MULL HOUSE was a disappointing tandard when 9th of 12 to Cuddy Dale (fevels) at in a novice hurdle at Ascot (3m), good to soft), EASTERN EVENING 3hi 2nd to Rowlandsons Geme (gave 12b) in a novice hurdle at Sandown (2m, good). Selection: CANOSCAN FORM FOCUS MAPLE DANCER 164 2nd by Shamens (rec 2b) in a handicep chase at Werwick (2m, good). MOZE 71DV over 41 3rd to Double Tricks (rec 9b) in a handicep chase at Leicester (3m, good). Should be suited to the return to 2m 4f. WEBBS WONDER best Welcome Tidings (rec 8b) 21 ns sovices handicep chase at Fontwell (2m 2f 110yd, good). COUNTRY CAP 191 3rd to bur (rec 2b) in an amateur riders' handicap chase at Folicestone (2m 4f. good). Selection: MAPLE DANCER (gave 8b) in a novice chase, here (2m, good), on peruitimate start. 2.20 HASSOCKS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,921: 2m) (5 runners) 4.20 FIRLE PLACE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,165: 2m) (10 runners) BETTING: 11-10 The Green Stuff, 100-30 Le Chat Noir, 7-2 Bendicks, 10-1 Mr Felbx, Snowy Bondials D Murphy — D O'Suffivan (3) 76 A Meguire — M Ahern 70 M Perrett 77 G Moore FORM FOCUS LE CHAT NOIR best Solstice Bell (rec 23tb) 1½ in a handicap hundle at Fontwell (2m 8f, good to firm). Previously, best Highfire (gave 22b) 12 in handicap chase at Lingfield (2m, good). THE GREEN STUFF test Setter Country (gave 24b) 31 with SNOWY BONDLAIR (gave 22b) 30½ 5th an a handicap Selection: LE CHAT NOIR BETTING: 15-8 Ring Of Fortune, 11-4 Days Of Thunder, 7-1 Lord Oberon, 10-1 Dibloom, 12-1 others. FORM FOCUS 2.50 COWFOLD SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,363: 2m) (10 runners) 2-14000 ROBBIE BURNS 7 (B.CD.F) [Mrs D Hunnisett) J Fftch-Heyes 6-11-10. A Maguire 44044-43 TOWNY BOY 27 (E Fermer) Mrs L Clay 6-11-10. Peter Hobbe. 003006 LUTHIOR 10 (B Peere) J Long 6-11-0. Lessa Long (7) 20023. ALANOST A PRINCESS 7 (B) (Miss L Morrison) J Atenburst 4-10-13. J Leech (3) F5P6/55 THE OIL BARON 33 (Mrs J Hoad) R Hoad 6-10-9. MR Hoad 5-200 GREEN'S THORBURN 7 (B) (Mrs R Bostock) A Moore 4-10-9. J Alexburst PP-5030 KISU KALJ 18 (Mrs D Hunnisett) J Fftch-Heyes 5-10-7. R Guest 0P0 HOUSE OF FRUIT 21 (V) (N Herris) M Pipe 5-10-9. G MoGourt 31-0056 PRINCE VALIYAR 7 (V.CD.F) (J Poland) A Moore 5-10-2. G Moore 000-P0P PADDY'S LRIE 21 (B) (D Tucker) D C Tucker 5-10-0. J Nesves (7) g handicage Packly's Line 5-13. DAYS OF THUNDER best Vado Via (gave 18) 101 in a novice hurdle at Ascot (2m in a novice hurdle, helte (2m, good). RING OF FOR-TUNE 12! 2nd to Carobee (gave 85) in a novice hurdle at Leicaster (2m, good). Previously, 240 2nd to Greens Van Goyen (levels) in a novice hurdle at Leicaster (2m, good). Previously, 240 2nd to Greens Van Goyen (levels) in a novice hurdle good) on penultimate nr. LUCKY NOIRE 9th of 20 to Halitopous (gave 24b) in a novice hurdle at Windstrian (good). IVANOV over 501 4th of 5 to Selection: RING OF FORTUNE (nap) 4.50 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,411: 2m 4f) (9 runners) BETTING: 11-4 Towny Boy, 7-2 Almost A Princess, 11-2 Robbie Burns, 8-1 Luthior, 10-1 others. FORM FOCUS ROBBIE BURNS, takes a drop in class, test of 17 to: Woodurather (gave 3tb) in a nevice hundle at Fontwell (2m 2, good) TOWNY BOY 12 3rd to Tipp Down (gave 2b) in a handleap hundle at Folkastione (2m 10byd good to soft). LUTHIOR 11 194 4th to Mottrams Gold (rec 3tb) in a conditional jockeys' handleap hundle at Lingfield (2m good), ALMOST A PRINCESS neck 2nd by Three Lakes (gave 21b) in a setting hundle at Chepstow (2m good to soft). (2m good), ALMOST A PRINCESS neck 2nd by Three Lakes (gave 21b) in a setting hundle at Chepstow (2m good), ALMOST A PRINCESS neck 2nd by Three Lakes (gave 21b) in a setting hundle at Chepstow (2m good), ALMOST A PRINCESS neck 2nd by Three Lakes (gave 21b) in a setting hundle at Chepstow (2m good), ALMOST A PRINCESS neck 2nd by Three Lakes (gave 21b) in a setting hundle at Chepstow (2m good) to soft). Set a setting hundle at Chepstow (2m good) to soft). Set a setting hundle at Chepstow (2m good) to soft). Set a setting hundle at Chepstow (2m good) to soft). Set a setting hundle at Chepstow (2m good) to soft). Set a setting hundle at Chepstow (2m good) to soft). Set a setting hundle at Chepstow (2m good) to soft). Set a set a setting hundle at Chepstow (2m good) to soft). Set a Long handicap: Tufoli 9-0, Mannys Choice 8-7. BETTING: 9-4 My Key Säca, 3-1 Sally's Gem, 5-1 Golden Moss, 8-1 Greenhill Reffles, 10-1 others. COURSE SPECIALISTS FORM FOCUS TRAINERS Winners Runners Per cent JOCKEYS Winners Rides Per cent R Akehurst 21 86 31.8 J Leach 7 22 31

HAINLEHS Winners Runners Per cent JUCKETS Winners Ridge Per cent RAIscharcht	GOLDEN MOSS piled up berind migrati Beach (no. 11b) in a novice hundle at Littoxeter on Saturday (3m, good). Previously, beat Yeomen Cricketer (gave 9b) 6t, with SALLY'S GEM (gave 8b) 18 3rd is a novice hundle at Folkestone (2m 8t, soft). SALDSOME NED 16t 4th to Charlot Copse is a novice hundle at Folkestone (2m 8t, soft). SALDSOME NED 16t 4th to Charlot Copse (gave 5b) is a novice hundle at Lingfield (2m, good). LYS GEM beat True Shed (no. 8b) 6t is novice hundle at Lingfield (2m 6t, standard). FLES 8t 2nd to Gymerak Sovereign (rec 4b) in a
MANDARIN 1.30 Sir Dancelot. 2.00 Auction Law. 2.30 Silver Strings. 3.00 STAR SEASON (nap). 3.30 Pinuail Bay. 4.00 Eastern Destiny. 4.30 My Swan Song. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 STAR SEASON. Brian Beel: 4.00 Eastern Destiny.	3.00 MOORFIELD NOVICES CHASE (£1,969: 2m 3f) (11 runners) 1 32-41UU SIR NOODY 30 (F) (J. Noden) C Vernon Miller 9-11-10
	1 00-P130 LISA ROSA 5 (D.G) (Giberta Animal Feed Products) Miss S Wilton 5-11-5
1 30 ARROW MAIDEN CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,235: 2m 3f) (18 runners) 1 000P-00 FRED FOR FUN 3 (3 Soeking) N Smith 6-11-10 PLesch 2 0-P THE SWINGE 18 (B) (A Dunn) A Dunn 5-11-8 Mr I Downick (7) 3 022 SEAUCHAMP FIZZ 7 (F kabi) M Pipe 4-11-5 P Scademore 99 4 2/00 MISS ENRICO 135 (Are G Lugg) T Forster 8-11-5 C Lievethyn 5 P- A 1 PAPER CLIPPER 418 (A1 Paper PC) Miss 8 Witton 5-11-2 C Lievethyn 60/POP-PU ARAPANIO CHIEF 7 (T Lavin) R Brotherton 7-11-2 N Williamson 7 00-PPP ARR EFF BEE (B) 40 (P Wheeler) J Smith 5-11-2 Lievethon 8 PSSP-P0 PRINCE VALMY 13 (B) (Mrs C Worstaccit) Mrs J Wornscott 7-11-2 Mrs C Worstaccit 9 423258 SIR DANCELOT 67 (M Watson) R Simpson 4-11-1 D Gelfighter 90 10 5/0/P0 LTTLE BRIG 48 (G Razetiff) Mrs A Restrict 9-11-0 Wild-Parend 11 P/04053 MORE BY LUCK 20 (D Hodges) R Holder 6-11-0 D Matthews (7) 91 12 PD-07 RUSTY MUSIC 183 (R Brown) R Brown 8-11-0 Mr R Davis (7) 91 13 PP-P0P6 SARUM PRINCE 18 (Mrs A Vining) R Caltow 9-11-0 Mr R Davis (7) 91 14 C-084 HATTON'S FESTIVAL 33 (See Gee Brushes) J Pearce 5-10-11 P McEntee (7) 71 15 F5-5800 MARINERS MOL 44 (J Closicon) J Colston 5-10-9 Mr D Water 9-11-1 P McEntee (7) 71 18 P ECONOMY EXPRESS 36 (A Morts) R Price 4-10-0 Mertin Jones BETTING: 4-6 Beauchamp Fizz, 3-1 Sir Dancelot, 7-1 More By Luck, 14-1 Hatton's Festival, 15-1 others. 1991: MEETING ABANDONED - FROST 2 00 LUGG HANDICAP CHASE (£2,565: 3m 1f) (11 runners) 1 1F122-P TUG OF GOLD 86 (D.F.G) (Mrs) R Price 4-10-0 Mertin Jones BETTING: 4-6 Beauchamp Fizz, 3-1 Sir Dancelot, 7-1 More By Luck, 14-1 Hatton's Festival, 15-1 others. 1991: MEETING ABANDONED - FROST A Williamson 90 4 22612U- ROYLE SPEEDMASTER 282 (G) (P Howell) J Edwards 8-11-2 N Williamson 90 4 22612U- ROYLE SPEEDMASTER 282 (G) (P Howell) J Edwards 8-11-2 N Williamson 90 4 22612U- ROYLE SPEEDMASTER 282 (G) (Wrs F Harvey) O Shewood 7-10-13 M Richards 97 1 00-365 PTHY 52 (CD,G.S) (B Owen) C Broad 10-10-10 G Brants 8-10-5 N Hawke	1 00-P130 LISA ROBA 5 (D,G) (Giberta Animal Fead Products) Miss S Wilton 5-11-5
10 A-PAZIJE JUST MICK 28 (F) (Mrs H Dowson) Mrs H Dowson 11:10-0	16 SP/124/ TREYFORD 831 (F.G.S) (P Steel) P Steel 12-12-0
11 PSSO-PP BRASSEYS COPSE 21 (Miss all Horwood) Miss J Horwood 13-10-0	15 4S(3240-SKAPF) SEVEL 254 (**1.55) W Cataloning in Front 11120
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Dunwoody must resolve Cheltenham dilemma

By Michael Seely

RICHARD Dunwoody is likely to have to choose between Remittance Man and Waterloo Boy, prospectively two of the his outstanding mounts at the National Hunt Festival next month, in the Oueen Mother Champion

Both horses flexed their muscles in no uncertain fashion at Newbury on Saturday. Waterloo Boy, the king of the established two-milers, brought his unbeaten sequence of victories to four when decisively outpacing Unde Emie and Master Rajh in the grade two Game Spirit

The authoritative style of the David Nicholson-trained nine-year-old's victory was in keeping with that of a horse who has twice finished runner-up in the Champion Chase, and who, after his hobday operation for a brea-thing problem, now appears to be better than ever.

However, to say that the manner of Remittance Man's wide-margin defeat of Cap-tain Dibble in the Arlington Final was breathtaking. would be an understatement. When Dunwoody allowed the eight-year-old, whose only defeat in nine outings over fences occurred when finishing a non-staying third to The Fellow in the King George VI Chase, to stroll into the lead at the fourth fence from home the result was electrifying.

Exploding into the air at the obstacles, Remittance Man was away from the tumps like lightning before winning by 20 lengths.
Yesterday Nicky Hender-

son was in the process of discarding the immediate postrace plan of sending Remittance Man for the Cathcart Challenge Cup en route to the £60,000 Mumm Melling weren't able to give him the Chase over two-and-a-half miles at Aintree.

"No final decision has yet been made," said the trainer. "But after sleeping on it and looking at the video, I think we've got to go for the two-miler. We beat Uncle Ernie by six lengths at Cheltenham last year. Waterloo Boy has now beaten him by four, so the form line is there. Remittance Man's got so much toe that hopefully it will be over in a few strides."

Whether Dunwoody will be facing the same difficult choice as he did between Remittance Man and Desert Orchid at Kempion is as yet unclear. However, although both the jockey and Henderson were unwilling to discuss the matter, Nicholson said firmly: "Dunwoody rides my horse, there's no question

about it." Jimmy Fitzgerald is determined to oppose the big two with Uncle Ernie instead of going for the softer option of the Cathcart.

"We've got to go," he said.
"The horse had a splint problem before Cheltenham and Liverpool last year so we



Henderson: has Champion aim for stable star

necessary fast work. If I get him to Cheltenham 100 per cent both the others will have to step on a bit."

Fitzgerald was also out of luck when Native Mission was beaten five lengths by Rodeo Star in the Tote Gold Trophy. "He's still a weak horse who needs at least another year," said the train-er. "But he could well go for the County Hurdle at Cheltenham."

The festival's fiercely com-petitive two-mile handicap is also the likely target for the Graham McCourt-ridden winner, who gave Nigel Tinkler the most important win of his training career. "We'll have to see what weight he gets, but this was a sub-standard race and I hope the handicapper remembers it." Tinkler said after the sixyear-old had recorded his fifth victory in succession.

All roads point towards Cheltenham at this time of the year and a new favourite for the Daily Express Tri-umph Hurdle was installed after Staunch Friend had cruised to an easy defeat of Beebob in the Minors' Novices Hurdle. Ladbrokes and Corals offer only 8-1 against Staunch Friend, whose trainer, Mark Tompkins is also responsible for the second favourite, Canny Chronicle.

On the Champion Hurdle front, positive news came yesterday about Kribensis, the 1990 winner. "He's recovered from his operation in December," said Michael Stoute. "He's back in strong work, and if the ground is suitable, Dunwoody will school him on Friday."

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3.10 WALESBY CLAIMING HURDLE

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4.10 PERLETHORPE HANDICAP HURDLE

1 1/F2 SAUNDERS LASS 42 (D,F) P Bevan B-12-0
S Wynne (7)
2 4-13 BRIERY FILLE 18 (CD) A Hide 7-11-10...... S Woods
3 030- SCARLET EXPRESS 254 (D,G) C Beover 5-11-5
B Datton (7)
4 4422 LA RAPTOTTE 19 (D,F,G) M Charles 5-11-0

5 532- QUALITAIR FIGHTER 383 (D.F.) J Bottombey 5-10-11
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B Dalton (7)

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1.40 Miss Bobby Bennett. 2.10 Anderson Rose. 2.40 King Of Shadows. 3.10 Suluk. 3.40 Lord Future. 4.10 Briery Fille.

THUNDERER 1.40 Miss Bobby Bennett. 2.10 Randama. 2.40 King Of Shadows. 3.10 Suluk. 3.40 Multihands. 4.10 Briery Fille.

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2 DT KOVALEVSKUA 7 (20) D Wagon 7-11-5 MRS PRISM (7)
3 D-01 MARNIERS SECRET 18 (7) R Brazington 6-11-5
4 P RACING RASKAL 44F J H Wilson 5-11-4 S Wynne (7)
5 30PP TRUE DIL EMMA 38 A Fowler 5-11-4 D Byrne
6 314 MARA ASKART 7 (2) J Herits 4-10-13 J Harts
7 0612 VADO VIA 33 (S) D Wintle 4-10-8 A Cerroll 13-8 Miss Bobby Bennett, 7-2 Vado Vis, 5-1 Kovalevskis, Mariners Secret, 7-1 Mara Askari, 20-1 others.

2.10 TEVERSAL SELLING HURDLE (£1.232; 2m 2f) (4) 1 00 TRISTICHUM 21 (B) W Clay 5-11-5...... J Driscoll (7)
2 MSS MATTERS 625F (B) M Pipe 5-11-0........ J Frost
3 0-0 RANDAMA 21 D Windle 5-11-0........................ P McDermott
4 0025 ANDERSON ROSE 14 J H Wilson 4-10-8 S Wynne (7)

65 Miss Matters, 7-4 Anderson Rose, 5-1 Randama, 7-1 Tristionur

2.40 ADLEY HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,303: 2m 4f) (7)

1 1233 DAUNOU 45 (F) S Christian 6-12-0 1 1233 DAUNOU 46 (F) S Civitation 6-12-0 C Ward-Thomas (7)
2 1131 SLUE DISC 17F (CD,F) C Beever 7-11-9, S Lyons (7)
3 6143 KING OF SHADOWS 7 (CD) R Hotimathead 5-11-7
4 5914 SPRING TO IT 21 (F) M Plan 6-11-6 D Pipe (7)
5 040 LITTLE CONKER 68 A Smith 4-10-0 L Michaes (7)
6 UP/P THE FARIMERSKITCHEN 35 (S) J Smith 10-10-0
Wises S Shearast (7)
7 55/4 HELLION 66 (CD,F) J Thorpe 13-10-0 L N Kent (7) TRAINERS: A Hide, 5 winners from 11 numers, 45 5%; M C Pipe, 22 from 56, 39 3%; R Hollinshead, 21 from 78, 26.9%; W Clay, 9 from 74, 12.2%; J L Harrs, 10 from 88, 11 4%. (Only qualifiers). JOCKEYS: S Woode, 9 winners from 38 rides, 25 0%, Dale McKcown, 4 from 17, 23 5%; F Murtagh, 6 from 32, 18.8%, J J Otulin, 5 from 29, 17.2%; S Wynne, 8 from 48, 16 7%, J A Harns, 9 from 69, 13 0%.

☐ David Pipe, the son of champion trainer Martin, makes his National Hunt riding debut at Southwell this afternoon on his father's Spring To It in the Radley Amateur Riders' Handicap Hurdle. He finished fifth in his first point-to-point on Saturday.

5-2 King Of Shedows, 3-1 Deunou, 4-1 Spring To It, 5-1 Blue Disc, 16-1 Little Conker, 25-1 others. LANCES OF THE REPORT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PR

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12:20 (2m 4t ch) 1, Norman Conqueror (P Scudemore, 3-1): 2, Granvillewaterford (1-2 tay); 3, Mr Vergette (7-1), 4 ran, 1L 5; 1 Themson Jones. Tota: E3:20, DF: E1:40, CSF: £4.65.
12:50 (2m 4t ch) 1, Remittance Man (R Dunwoody, 2-7 tay); 2, Captain Dibble (6-1); 3, Armagret (8-1); 5 ran, 20), 51. N Henderson, Tota: E1:30; £1:20, £1:50, DF: £2:00. CSF; £2:55.
1.25 (3m ch) 1, Knight Oll (J Osborne, 4-7 tay), 2, Private Audition (6-4), 2 ran, Dist. O Sherwood, Tota: £1:50.
2.00 (2m 100yd hdie) 1, Rodec Star (6-McCourt, 15-2), 2, Native Mission (13-2-)-tay); 3, Egypt Mil Prince (15-2), Klorest 13-2 (1-tay); 5, E3:23, CSF: £3:23, Tricast £351:37.
2.35 (2m 16)yd ch) 1, Waterloo Boy (R 23:2351:37)

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2.35 (2m 180yd ch) 1, Waterico Boy (R Durwoody, 10-11 fav; Mandarin a nap); 2, Uncie Emie (13-2); 3, Master Rain (14-1), 8 ran 4, 2% I.D. Micholson Tota, £1.80, £1.30, £2.50. DF: £3.90. Tno: £38.10. CSF: £6 73, 2.00
3.10 (2m 4f ch) 1, Laundryman (M Perrett, 12-1); 2, Western Counties (25-1); 3, Peggwell Bay (3-1), Another Coral \$2 (25-1); 3, Peggwell Bay (3-1), Another Coral \$2 (25-1); 3, 7 (25-2); 3, 20, DF: £44.80. CSF: £170.38, 345 (2m 100yd hdle) 1, Staunch Friend £3.20. DF- £44.80. CSF- £170.38.

3.45 (2m 100/gh falle) 1, Staunch Friend (A Meguare, 9-4 it-lav); 2, Beebob (8-4 ji-fav); 3, Cooley's Veive (7-2) 12 ran. St, nk M Tompkurs Tote. £3.30; £1.30. £1.40. £1.60. DF- £3.60. CSF- £7.84. After a stewards enquiry, result stood. 4.15 (3m 120/gh hdier) 1, Legal Beegle (M Perrett, 5-1), 2, Mt Gosssio (6-1); 3, Glernlorm (18-1). Dwadme 9-2 fav. 12 ran Nk, 2, G Harwood. Tote: £4.40; £1.50, £1.40, £5.70. DF: £9.20. CSF- £33.27. Tricast- £4.12.57.

Jackpot: £3,033.60. Placepot: £890.20.

2.10 1, Rose-Lane (9-2); 2, The Undergraduete (12-1); 3, Way Clear (9-2), Blinkin Noru, Sirisat 4-1 ji-fisay. 14 ran 2.40 1, Whitpoers Delight (11-2); 2, Va Utu (8-1); 3, Cerbean Prince (4-5 fav.), 8 ran. 2, 20. G Charles-Jones 1. 3.15 1, Deep Colorist (5-2); 2, Radical 2.40 1, Whitpoers Delight (11-2); 2, Va Utu (8-1); 3, Cerbean Prince (4-5 fav.), 8 ran. 2, 20. G Charles-Jones 1. 3.10 1, Otterburn House (9-2), 2, Morgan Harbour (33-1); 3, Durestrook Lad (33-1), Mester Tickle 7-4 lav. 15 ran. NR: 15 ran. NR: 17 The Merry Gambler. 18 June 19 Ju

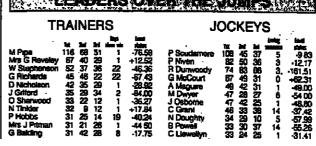
Catterick Bridge

1.50 1, Ninechus (4-7 tav); 2, First Lord (7-1); 3, Zem Bee (8-1). 8 ran. 1: 3. Zam Bee (8-1), 8 ran.
2:20 1, Caromandoo (11-4 jt-fav), 2. Able Player (11-4 jt-fav); 3. Zam Milady (33-1) 19 ran. NR: Nijmegan 2.50 1, Mega Blue (7-3 jt-fav), 2. Nancy Ardross (50-1), 3. Katy Keys (9-1). Moorfield Lady 7-2 jt-fav, 11 ran 3.20 1, Sharwwal (12-1); 2. Kācorvino (16-1); 3. Shikari Kod (100-30 tav), 15 ran Mrs Sidnner (refused to race — stakes refunded).
3.50 1, Azusa (13-8); 2, Samfen (11-8 lav); 3. La Plume (16-1). 4 ran. NR: Stay On Tracks.
4.20 1, Gymcrak Stardom (5-1), 2, Prospecting (9-1), 3. Mountshannon (7-1) Aston Again 5-2 (av 9 ran NR: Next Boom.
4.50 1, Polishing (8-11 fav); 2, Fiery Sun (11-2); 3, Really Honest (16-1), 7 ran. NR: Jumby Bay.

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1.40 1. Needwood Muppet (12-1); 2. Forest Fawn (11-1), 3. Northern Village (25-1), 4. Kitula King (12-1). Salwan 5-4 faw 16 ran.

LEADERS OVER THE JUMPS (1/2) TRAINERS



(64 fav), 3, Usa Dollar (7-1) 5 ran 3.00 1. Try Leguard (5-1), 2, Buddy (5-1); 3, Level Up (4-1). Energic 3-1 fav 8 ran. 3.30 1. Sir Tasker (7-2), 2, Sally's Son (4-1); 3, Very Ducey (5-2 fav) 6 ran 4.00 1. Present Times (10-1); 2, Piectrum (1-2), 3, Red Dollar (33-1). El Dominio 2-1 fav 11 ran. ☐ Walter Swinburn, injured in a fall last October, returned to the winner's enclosure at Lingfield on Saturday. He rode Dorset Duke, trained by Geoffrey Wragg, to win the Greengage Handicap. ☐ Lorcan Wyer took the honours at Catterick Bridge on Saturday with a 121-1 treble on Nineofus. Shawwal and Gymcrak Stardom. Nineofus and Gymcrak Stardom are

trained by Peter Easterby.



Leaders' title chances could bog down

Manchester United may have to cut out the middle man

Manchester United 1 Sheffield Wednesday.... 1

By STUART JONES **FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT**

MANCHESTER United must consider putting aside their traditional principles for the sake of their championship ambitions. Whenever they play at home, on a pitch which could now be mistaken for a country meadow, they may have to indulge more in the long-ball game.

The thought was offered indirectly by Trevor Francis, the astute manager of Shef-field Wednesday, and Carlton Palmer, the England B inter-national, who had to plough through Bryan Robson's furrow all afternoon. Both of them suggested that United's hopes could yet sink into a mudded surface which is pockmarked with a thousand

Midfield is virtually a no-go area at Old Trafford. Nobody moving through it or receiving possession there can afford to take his eyes off a ball which is liable to bounce unpredictably. Controlling it is a laborious and time-consum-ing process, as Neil Webb, in particular, discovered.

The passes that were not mis-hit were invariably delayed. Consequently United's attacks either broke down or took so long to form that The problem is acute and

demands drastic action, as Francis recognised as soon as he saw the conditions on Saturday. He promptly picked his "awful pitch team". Instead of selecting the likes of Williams, Bart-Williams, Harkes and himself, he chose players built for heavier duties. They included Johnson, a gangly forward, chosen only

for his second full game. "I needed people who are aggressive, determined and firm in the tackle," Francis said. "It is not easy on that type of field, even for United with their technically gifted players. They have got to at-tempt to play the football they are capable of, but it is particularly difficult for them because the emphasis is on the home side to create."

United did, but only sporadically, and even when a clear opportunity was fash-ioned the ball often bubbled and the attempt subsequently misdirected. In the final seconds, for instance, Kanchelskis ended an incisive run with a shot which. though struck from close range, veered towards a corner flag.

"It could be a handicap for them in the run-in," Francis said. "Like them, we like to play open and attractive foot-ball, but this was a totally different game to the one at Hillsborough." Wednesday's 3-2 victory there in October ended United's unbeaten sequence in the League.

Leeds United, but it is significant that their forthcoming visitors are in turn Crystal Palace, Chelsea, Manchester City, Wimbledon and Southampton. All, to varying degrees, are exponents of the long-ball method. United could have no choice but to play them at their own game. Whatever they decide.

Saturday was enough to lift

them back to the top above

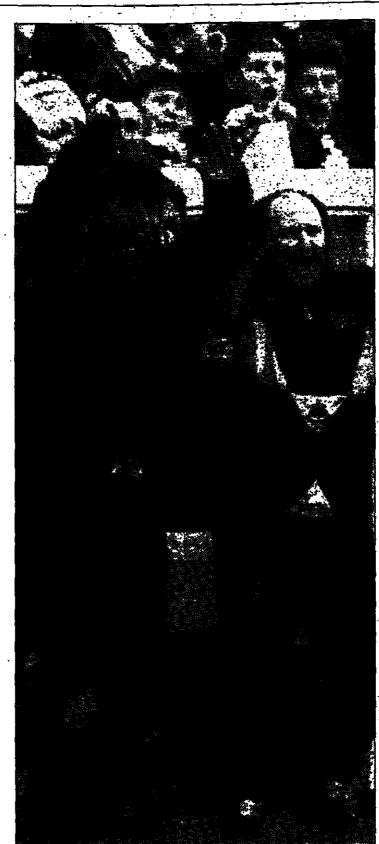
United's stamina is bound to be stretched. "It must be so draining, playing on that week-in, week-out." Palmer said. "If anything is going to stop them, it will be their United were initially

stopped in their tracks by Hirst's ferocious free kick after only a few minutes. United's response was mo-mentarily vibrant and McClair, in spite of being unquestionably several yards offside, soon equalised and enhanced his position as the club's leading scorer. He has

Wednesday were protected after the interval by the reactions of Woods, their England goalkeeper, denying Hughes twice, and Giggs. For all their possession, the rest of United's moves became bogged down.

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(sub: J Herketh).



Dug-out delight: Keegan, left, and Derek Wright, the club physiotherapist, celebrate Newcastle's first goal

Keegan savours a perfect start

CONTRARY to what they may be saying on Tyneside, air was the only element on which Kevin Keegan found himself walking after this dream start to his managerial career on Saturday. Elated though he was by the startling reversal of Newcastle United's fortunes, the North East's newest Messiah is. sufficiently self-assured not to have had to pinch himself too hard after

his side's 3-0 win over Bristol City. Eight years' absence from com-petition, spent largely in the soporific Spanish sun, do not appear to have dulled the little man's zest or self-confidence, qualities which, as a player, set him apart from others far more gifted than himself.

At the same time he remains engagingly frank, confessing to being taken aback by his first experience of life in the dug-out. "You sit there and hope and pretend that you know what you're doing." he said. "Neither Terry McDermott nor myself pretend that we know it all, but we've both played for some great managers and if you can't learn a bit from them, well..."

Keegan's lack of managerial experience forces him to put great store by the knowledge he acquired as a player, though his decision to leave out Lee Clarke on Saturday — "the kid who'd most impressed me: don't ask me to make common sense

Wisely, he chose to put his trust in the experience of others as well as himself and recalled one or two of the older heads, such as Ray Ranson, to do what he sees as a man's job. "I think it's unfair to ask kids to do it." he said. "They're your future, but you've got to look at the present sometimes to ensure that the club's got a future."

Newcastle's biggest win of the season, and a clean sheet to boot. provided the proof of the pudding. It was the kind of performance to give former managers a bad name. While Keegan clearly differed from Ossie Ardiles in selection and tactics, he was not without a certain amount of sympathy for his luckless prede-cessor. "I don't think Ossie was a million miles away," he said. "You can see how his problems arose and I'm left to pick up the bits, but the bits aren't as bad as I thought they'd

"I don't think there's that much wrong with the club. In fact, we've got more here now than when I came as a player. I said to Terry on Friday, 'I'm looking for problems, and I haven't got that many." he

If that doesn't cheer the hearts of players and supporters alike in the players and supporters anke in the coming weeks, when the club's very existence could depend upon its ability to stave off relegation, then nothing will. Neither is it all bravado. For a period of some 20 minutes in the second half, during which Newcastle hit three goals in seven minutes, the Geordies were

It contrasted sharply with a first half which was disturbingly lacking in atmosphere after St James's biggest crowd of the season, 29.263. had inevitably afforded Keegan a euphoric welcome on his return. Newcastle attacked with the verve instilled in them by Ardiles, but even though there was no hint of a response from the opposition, the crowd, quite understandably, remained sceptical

But once David Kelly had struck with a header after 54 minutes and Liam O'Brien had added a second a minute later, before self-doubt could creep in, there was no holding them, and another from Kelly was no more than Newcastle deserved.

Keegan is smart enough not to hoodwink himself into believing that he has stemmed the rot with a win over a side who have conceded more goals away from home than any other team, with the exception of Newcastle themselves.

"It's fairy-tale stuff at the mo-ment, lads. We mustn't get carried away." he said, before departing to rejoin "my other team down south — my family".

The prospect of a visit to the home of Blackburn Rovers, the second division leaders, next Saturday will ensure that their feet remain firmly on the ground.

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NEWCASTLE UNITED: T Wright: R Ranson Stimson, L O'Brien, K Scott, A Nellaon, S Watso Peecock, D Kelly, T Wilson (sub: D Roache Burnet Brock. BRISTOL CITY: A Leaning: A Llewellyn, M Scott, A May (aub: G Shelton), M Bryani, R Osman, J Bent, D Rechie, W Allson, J Dziekanowski, M Gavin. Referee, J Parker.

Leeds slip to second defeat

The point they collected on

BY IAN ROSS

IF IT is possible for Leeds United to take at least a measure of solace from an utterly miserable afternoon at Boundary Park, it is that events elsewhere reduced the significance of only their second League defeat of the season. sion's top five clubs registering a win at the weekend, the damage to Leeds's champion-

ship hopes was minimal. Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, declined to berate his players afterwards, but he did not need prompting to acknowledge Oldham's supremacy. "I have been here three times with Leeds United and they just haven't allowed us a kick in any one of those games." he said. "They played as though they were at the top of the first division and we played as though we were where they are."

The ease with which Oldham's notoriously generous defence contained Leeds by using an off-side trap lacking any sophistication was remarkable. With Wallace and Speed too often inclined to dwell on the ball and jealously guard possession, the element of surprise was lost.

In contrast, Oldham transwith breathtaking speed and once Holden had convinced himself that rounding his marker, Sterland, was unlikely to present too many problems, an improbable victory

became a distinct possibility. Fittingly, and not too surprisingly, Holden was involved in both goals, setting up Bernard's opener in the eighteenth minute with an inswinging corner and then providing Barlow with a de-lightful far-post cross three minutes before time, one which Barlow converted at

The introduction of international forward, as a second-half substitute for the injured Hodge served to neither alleviate Leeds's suffering. After almost scoring with only his second touch, Cantona's contribution consisted of overhit passes and stylish, if largely worthless,

Although Cantona may yet prove himself to be an able deputy for Chapman, he will need to be reminded that his speed of thought must match his speed of limb if he is to prosper in English football.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC: J Hallworth:

Portsmouth dazzled by Dozzell

lpswich Town..... Portsmouth.

JASON Dozzell used to be one of those frustrating "nearly" players. Deployed in the midfield, he belonged to the ranks of gifted misfits whose abundant early promise was somehow never quite realised.

By LOUISE TAYLOR

The odd pass could offer tantalising glimpses of a po-tential left unfulfilled by an apparent inability to change pace, allied with a disconcerting tendency to drift out of

A move up front has

changed all that. Alongside the fleet-footed Chris Kiwomya, Dozzell, who is still only 24, has scored 12 goals this season, the latest two at

Portman Road on Saturday. He is also a conjuror of chances who helped make a mockery of the statistic that Portsmouth's is one of the meanest defences in the second division, although the core of their problem lay in the midfield, where Jim Smith's side were repeatedly

overrun. So weak were they in this department that Ipswich were 3-1 up after 18 minutes. Dozzell volleyed the first after Johnson's 40-yard run and cross from the right. Then a clever exchange between Dozzell and Whitton left Kiwomya unmarked to lob the advancing Knight.

Watched yet again by Tottenham Hotspur, Anderton enhanced his reputation by reducing the arrears with a fine half-volley. But Dozzell promptly headed Ipswich's third goal from a corner, and Kiwomya side-footed the fourth early in the second half at the end of a typical move involving Whitton, Milton

and Stockwell. A low shot from the unattended Powell brought Portsmouth back into it, but any revival was ruled out when Awford turned Milton's cross past his own goalkeeper.

ment to attack that John Lyal's much improved side should embarrass plenty of

their opponents. Ipswich can be criticised but, as their manager said: "We are still learning." Considering that Millwall - who Lyall's men beat comfortably the previous week - won 2-0. at Derby County, the indications are that the education is well under way.

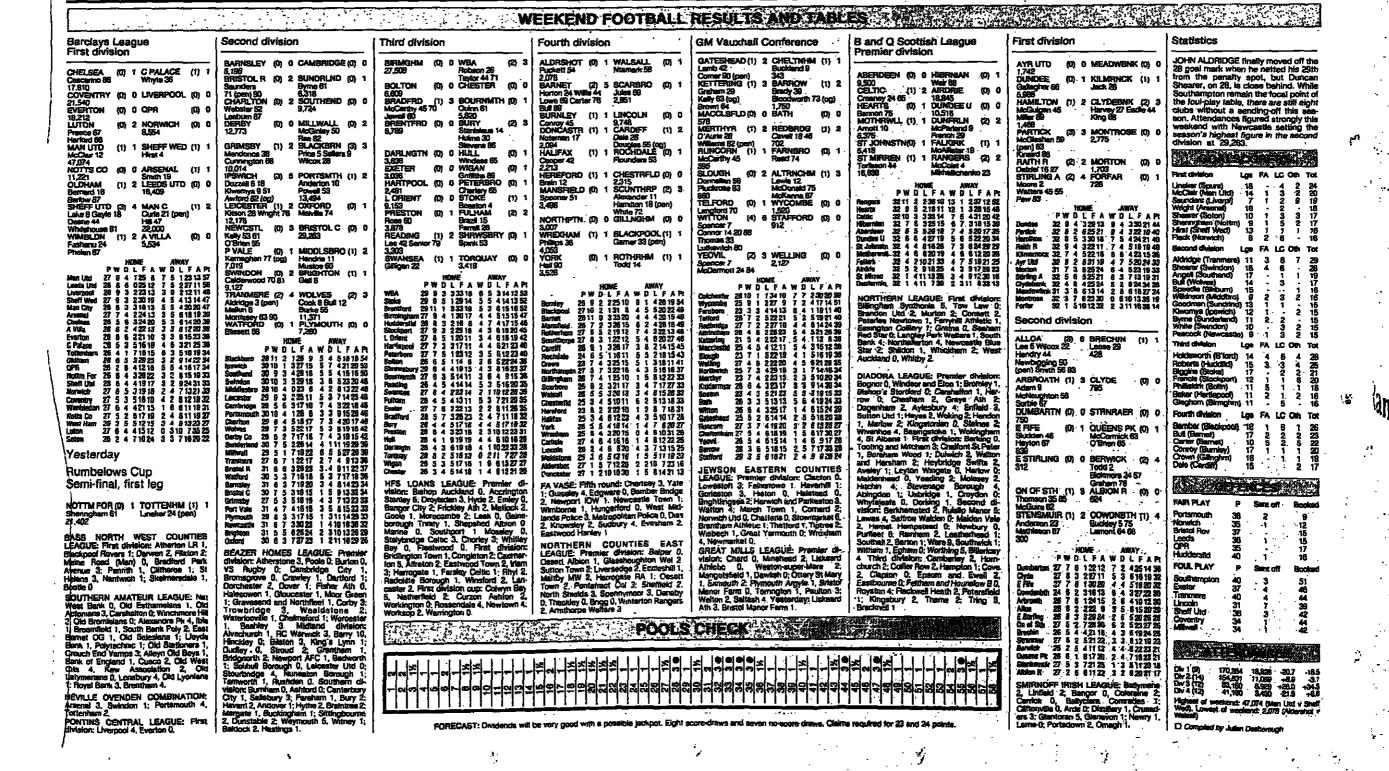
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Aldershot's future is given boost

THE Aldershot chairman, Trevor Gladwell, has said there is an 80 per cent chance that a rescue package will beagreed for the debt-ridden ourth division club, and it "50-50" that the home match against Gillingham will go ahead tomorrow.

Gladwell refused to say. though, who the dub's saviour might be, or to disclose sums of money involved.

The possible rescue is great news for the Aldershot faithful, several hundred of whom staged an emotional show of support after the 1-1 home draw with Walsall on Sat-



Sending-off sinks Birmingham hopes

Taylor brings the

finishing touch

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West Bromwich . By Keith Blackmore

ALL of a sudden, West Bromwich Albion look like the strongest team in the third division. Having brushed aside the previous leaders, Brentford, last week, they swept to the top of the table themselves by beating their neighbours and promotion rivals, Birmingham City, at St Andrews on Saturday.

Albion supporters could be

forgiven for thinking that this is the way things ought to be for a club with grand traditions playing its first season at

Their average home gate is more than 13,500, the biggest in the third division, and though it falls 2,500 short of their break-even point, the club has the resources to re-

turn to the big time. In the meantime, the match on Saturday, watched by the third largest League gate of the day, 27,508, the biggest of the season in the third division, provided a wel-come taste of what the Albion

supporters had been missing. They seemed the likelier winners from the kick-off but the match turned irrevocably away from Birmingham in the twelfth minute when

A game to

forget

for Coton

moment, Sheffield United.

"We scored two goals away from home," Peter Reid, the

City manager said, "and that

should be enough to win. At

least I expect it to be for teams

Coton, in goal, had an un-

happy afternoon from the moment Gage skipped past

Hughes and crossed for the impressive Michael Lake to

sidefoot a delicate volley over

the goalkeeper and in off the

Sheffield United have

scored 21 goals in seven

games and their third win in

eight days was Dave Bassett's

first success against City in 13

Chelsea's equaliser four min-

utes from time against Crys-

tal Palace and as he spent

months over his first goals for

Aston Villa and Celtic, to score on his debut marked a

significant change of fortune. Wimbledon marked Joe

Kinnear's first home game in

charge by beating Aston Villa

2-0 while Arsenal ended

their run of eight games without a win by beating Notts

County with a goal from Alan

2-0 to move off the bottom in

a match in which the the

tension was too much for

their manager, David Pleat.

whose desperate instructions

from the bench brought

warnings from the referee.

Philip Jones. The second

goal, from Mick Harford,

the premier division in Scot-

land, but they were made to

Stickroth hit Goram's post.

calmed the manager.

Luton beat Norwich City

Tony Cascarino scored

attempts.

I'm involved with."

elbowing Robson. His manager, Terry Cooper, was not impressed. "There is no excuse for Matthewson retaliating," he said. "It's always the one who does the retaliation who gets done and in one fell swoop he cost us the match: I think if they had been down to ten and we had had 11 we would have won 3-0 but we've got to swallow it. It was West

Brom's day."
It certainly was. They took the lead in the 26th minute, when Fereday's pass allowed Robson to crack the ball in off a post from 20 yards, and never looked back. Just before half-time, Roberts's leisurely pass found Fereday, whose 20-yard shot was too strong for Miller and Taylor, playing only his second game since a £300,000 move from Bristol

City, took full advantage. With a two-goal lead, not to mention the extra man. West Brom were able to do as they pleased thereafter. Terry Cooper, the Birmingham manager, played his last card, sending on Gayle and Sturridge for Cooper and Rowbotham, but it was no surprise when Taylor scored again, his third goal in two games, with a tap-in after Harbey had exploited

space on the left. Taylor's manager, Bobby Gould, was full of admiration. "He is so clear-eyed in



Ballesteros: victory at the second extra hole

bury), 14:51. Team: 1, England, 10; 2, Scotland, 37; 3, Wales, 49.

ACOTEIAS, Portugal: World cross-country championship event: Men: 1, F Bayesa (Eth), 25min (Seec; 2, O Ondoro (Ken), 29:13, 3, W Omwoyo (Ken), 29:13, Women: 1, L Yisak (Eth), 19:37: 2, C McKleman (Ire), 19:40; 3, A Dass (Por), 19:42

JAKARTA: Borobudur 10km rece; Men: 1, R Chellmo (Ken), 27min 43sec; 2, J Ngugi (Ken), 27:45; 3, A Bernos (Mex), 27:56 Women: 1, D Tulu (Eth), 31:44; 2, K Ulirich (Ger), 31:47; 3, S Sima (Ken), 32:14

TOKYO: International marathon (Japan unless stated): 1, K Morishita, 2hr 10min 19sec: 2, T Nakayema, 2:10:25; 3, T Hayata, 2:10:37 British: 9, H Jones, 2:13:57

KARLSRUHE: German indoor championships: Women's high jump: H Hankel (Ger), 2.07m (world record).

MOSCOW: Indoor meeting: 1,000 metres: Y Yevseyeva (Ukraine), 2min 33 33eec (world record). 5km walk: G Korneyev (CIS), 18min 15.25eec. (world record) Woman: 3km; A Ivanova (CIS), 11min 44sec (world record).

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11mn 44sec (world record).
NEW YORK: Millinose Garnes (US unless stated); Men: 60m hurdles: 1, A Dass., 7.50sec; 2. J Pierra 7.88; 3, W Gaudt, 7.70; 4, G Foster, 7.72. 60m; 1, A Cason, 6.52; 2. L Burrell, 6.55; 3, S Gariba (Ghana), 5.85; 5.90m; 1, R Pierre, 1min 2.25sec; 2, A Valmon, 1.02.52; 3, K Young, 1.03.28, 400m; 1, A Mackey, 48.71; 2, T Kenp, 49.40; 3, C Daniel, 46.67, 800m; 1, J Gray, 1.49.12; 2, G Kersh, 1.49.36; 3, F Williams, 1.50.67, 800yds; 1, M Everett, 1.07.53, D Harms, 1.08.37, Mile; 1, M Everett, 1.07.53, D Harms, 1.08.37, Mile; 1, M Everett, 1.07.53, D Harms, 1.08.37, Mile; 1, M C Suttivan (re), 4.00.65; 2, W Burle, 4.00.73, 3, J Adurson, 4.01.93, 3,000m; 1, R Renta, 7.50.19, 2, B Abethra, 7.50.37, 3, M Glasto, 7.51.41, Long jump; 1, M Powel, 8.05m, 2, K Talley, 8.02m; 3, M Conley, 7.77m. High jump; 1, H Conway, 2,31m; 2, C Austin, 2.27m; 3, A Barton, 2.23m Pole value; 1, M Tarasov (Fueses), 5.82m; 2, 1 Basyvilla (Hun), 5.82m; 3, W Payne, 5.70m Shot; 1, C Hunler, 19.67m; 2, K i,arsson (Swe), 19.31m; 3, T Strouf, 19.19m Women: 60m hurdles: 1, G Devers, 7.98, 2, M Feesman, 7.98; 3, K McKenzie, 8.17 50m; 1, J Clark, 204.21; 2, M Risiney, 204.39, 3, M Machola (Mozambous), 204.45 Mile; 1, D Melintle (Rom), 4.30.03; 2, A Hill, 431.49; 3, 5 Sleely, 4:20.01, 201 Topichick, 6.19m; 3, 8 Rembao, 1.85m High jump; 1, A Bactourn, 192m; 2, J Wonlachteg, 1.89m; 3, 8 Rembao, 1.85m

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Ballesteros chalks up a landmark victory

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SEVERIANO Ballesteros captured his fiftieth European Tour title in dramatic style yesterday, snatching the Dubal Desert Classic in Dubai with a nine-foot birdie putt at the second hole of a play-off with Ronan Rafferty. Rafferty, a winner in Aus-

tralia last month and joint runner-up in Bangkok last Sunday, looked to have secured the trophy when his 18foot putt on the last green headed straight for the hole. But the ball stopped on the lip and Ballesteros stepped forward to make a ten-looter to force extra holes.

yard 17th, which both had birdied just before, but could only muster par. But at the par five 18th, Rafferty's 20footer for a birdie trickled past and Ballesteros made no mistake. The Spaniard, who won the first of his titles in 1976, has won at least once every season since.

"My determination is to go all the way to the end of the century," he said. "I will only be 42."

Rafferty, who had a closing 69 to his playing partner's 70, afterwards played tribute to Ballesteros. "He plays so many brilliant shots and

He didn't play particularly well at the start today but he still leads you on."

Mark James, winner of the inaugural Desert Classic in 1989, grabbed a share of third place with David Feherty, making a 40-toot putt on the last green for a 69.

Nick Faldo was fifth and lan Woosnam finished in a four-way tie for sixth. "My putting is hopeless and get-ting worse, not better." Woosnam said. "I'm twitching it left, then over-compensating and sending it right. It's been a very frustrating week. I'll saw off an arm. I think. I putt great one-handed."

Daly is able to make the power game pay

Port Douglas: The power of John Daly overwhelmed his three opponents in the Australian'Skins on the Sheraton Mirage Country Club course here yesterday (Mitchell

Platts writes). Daly earned Aus \$92,000 (about £38,000), Greg Norman won \$58,000 but lan Baker-Finch, the Open champion, and Hideki Kase, of Japan, both failed to win a "skin". It was the second year in succession that Baker-Finch had nothing to show for his efforts, despite finish-

ing below par. Daly said: "It's a wonderful way to get the year rolling. I've got a new set of Wilson

clubs and I'm really happy with the way I'm hitting the

The 14th hole of the challenging Mirage course pro-vided Daly with the bulk of his winnings. There he ended the deadlock - the previous eight holes had been halved with a marvellous birdie after a drive of 288 yards. He sank a putt of 11 feet to add \$77.000 to the \$15,000 he earned at the fifth hole with a putt of fully 50 feet.

Norman, who collected \$10,000 at the second hole, gave himself cause to be encouraged by making a birdle at each of the last two holes, with putts of five and 12 feet.

BADMINTON

Liverpool pass difficult test

By Peter Ball

MANCHESTER City's pos-BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

ition in the championship race has been based on solid GAZE into the Liverpool crysdefending and some often intal ball, through the mists of spired goalkeeping. Both went badly awry on Saturday when Sheffield had the better of the argument with Manthe championships past and the ghosts of the injured present, and an awesome picture emerges. Not this season, chester on all fronts. Citymaybe nouthenext but Liver-Lane as they ran into the stronger than ever. division's form team of the

Coventry City

Graeme Souness, should he still stalk the Anfield corridors, may not even need to resort to cheque-book recruitment. By then, the likes of Jones, Marsh, Redknapp, McManaman and Harkness could be regular features rather than spirited stop-

Nicol, Molby, Barnes, Rush, Whelan and Thomas - all absent at Highfield Road, all pedigree performers
— may be fit yet fighting for
their places. The potential mixture of enthusiasm and

experience is frightening. Coventry provided an acid test on Saturday. Eager to impress Don Howe, their new manager, and simulta-neously ease their relegation fears, they bristled with ag-

gression from the off. Robson and Gallacher were booked - Jones and Burrows, the Liverpool pair, ioined them later -- as an

WITH still two league match-

es remaining, Doncaster

Belles, the undefeated lead-

ers, clinched the women's

premier division champion-

ship after defeating Wimble-

don 3-0 at Church Street

Ground, Armthorpe, yester-

day (a Special Correspondent

Doncaster, against a deter-

mined but injury-hit Wimble-

don, took 38 minutes before

breaking the deadlock scoring-

hovered on the fringes of something altogether nastier.

lifted the other players and

given us another dimension

when the ball gets into the last

third." Gould was also

thrilled to be back in among

the big-match atmosphere.

"These are the super games.

But we can't rest on our lau-

rels because you can soon have your feet kicked out from

West Brom will be playing before another big crowd on

Wednesday when they play Stoke City at the Victoria

Ground, a prospect made all the more enticing by the fact that Stoke moved into second

place by beating Leyton Ori-

this season and took full advantage of Brentford's latest

reverse, a 3-0 home defeat by

Burnley retained their

place at the top of the fourth

division by beating Lincoln

City but the performance of

the day came from Barnet, who beat Scarborough 5-I to

BERIMENGHAM CITY: A Miller, I Clarkson Frain, M. Cooper (sub: S Sturridge), Hicks, T. Metthewson, I. Rodgerson, Becktord; L. Donowe, N. Gleghorn,

move into third place.

They thus became the first visiting team from any divi-sion to win at Brisbane Road

ent on Saturday.

under you."

More composure and less haste from Coventry could have broken the deadlock. Getting past Grobbelaar was a problem, too. The Liverpool goalkeeper was at his eccentric best — racing off his line into no man's land, only to miss the ball by miles, then making a save of breathtak-ing agility.

He knew little about Rosario's eighteenth-minute header against the crossbar and Gallacher's follow-up, which thumped into his body, but he made an excellent stop to keep out Billing's rasping 35yard free kick.

Liverpool's youngsters soaked up everything Coven-try offered, even allowing for a glaring miss by Gallacher from Emerson's corner.

They then broke twice in the last five minutes and could have won it through McManaman or Saunders. Both failed as the angle narrowed and their title hopes for the season probably disappeared, too. But this is very much a team for tomorrow.

through their England for-

ward, Gail Borman. Wimble-

don, whose outstanding

goalkeeper, Theresa Wise-

man, kept them in the game.

were finally subdued by a

weil-taken goal from Karen

Walker, who netted her 28th

goal of the season in the 64th

minute. The England winger,

Jan Murray, struck a thun-

derous shot in the 87th

minute to complete the

COVENTRY CITY: S Ogrtzovic; L McGrath, K Sansom, S Robern, P Billing, P Atherton, S Flyns, D Emerson, R Rosento, K Gatacher, D Smith.
LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelsen: R Jones, D Burrows, M Marsh, M Wright, N Tanner (sub: S Herinsee), D Seunders, R Houghton, M Walters (sub: R Rosenthel), J Redience, S McManamen.
Referee: R Hest.

Belles seal league title

FOR THE RECORD **ATHLETICS**

16sec; 2. L. York (Leicester), 21:24; 3, V. McPherson (Gisgow U), 21:25; 4, Whitherson (Gisgow U), 21:25; 4, Adem (Parkskie), 21:31; 5, L. Adem (Parkskie), 21:36; 6, A. Tooby (Beth), 21:36. Team: 1, England, 14pts; 2, Scottand, 27; 3, Wales, 43. Senior men (12km): Individual: 1, D. Clerke (Hercules Wimbledon), 38min 46sec; 2, A. Bristow (Brighton), 37:92; 3, P. Dugdele (Harvicia, 37:92; 4, M. Dalkowey (Strupport), 37:10; 5, T. Murray (Cambuslang), 37:11; 6, T. Roden (E. Cheshire), 37:17; 8, R. Nerurkar (Bingley), 37:20; 9, S. Dusai (Camouck), 37:25; 10, S. Carey (Warrington), 37:25.

70. 70. F Muraguchi (Japan), 70. 73, 74.
FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida: Women's burnarment Second round leaders
(US unless stated: 138: D. Lofland, 70.
68; J Carner, 69, 67, 138: B Burton, 70. 68; D Ammaccapans, 70. 68, 138: B Burton, 70. 68; D Ammaccapans, 70. 68, 138: B Pasarson, 72, 67; T Green, 71, 68, P Bradley, 69, 70.
140: R Walton, 73, 67; S Hamilin, 72, 68; R Jones, 71, 69; K Tschetter, 70, 70; M McGann, 70, 70; E Crosby, 70, 70. British: 142: T Johnson, 70, 72: 143: L. Davies, 73, 70, 144: P Wright, 73, 71, 145: C Pierce, 74, 71, 147: K Davies, 72, 75.
NAPLES, Florida: Senior tournament: Second round leaders (ell US): 132: J Powell, 67, 65, 133: L Trevino, 69, 64: 134: C Coody, 98, 65; M Joyce, 69, 66; G Archer, 67, 68; O Moody, 64, 71, 136: J Dent, 69, 67; J C Snead, 68, 68.
VOLVO EJROPEAN TOUR: Laading money-winners: 1. Paimer (SA): 283:35: 2 R Rafferty (N Ire), 276, 163:35: 3, S Bullenterne (Sp), 651, 952, 263:35; 8, S Richardson (Eng), 220, 255; 8, S Richardson (Eng), 220, 280; 9, N Faldo (Eng), 220, 155; aqual 10, M James (Eng) and D Feberty (N Ire), 27, 197, 100.

TOUR OF ANDALUCIA: Fifth stage (Gaudis to Jaen, 140.7km): 1, J Museum (Bel), 3tr 14min 59ecc; 2, M Fondriest, (R): 3, M Ellior (GB), same time. Shoth stage (Santa Fe to Granada, 131.8km): 1, H Radiant (Bel), 3th Offmin 23ecc; 2, B Walton (Can); 3, B Harmeiring (Bel), same time. British: 9, M Elliot, same time. Final positions: 1, M A Martinez (Sp. ONCE), 21th 17nin 30ecc; 2, J Monloys (Sp. Amsys), 21:17:54: 3, H D Zabalii (Sp. ONCE), 21:18:58. British: 7, M Elliot (Seur), 21:19:10.

ROAD RACE: Rowland's Castle, Hants: 52 miles: 1, B Fleming (CC Romlord), 2hr 17min 50sec; 2, G Foord (Wembley RC), same time, 3, A Hitchens (Bournamouth Anow), at 35sec.

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TORBAY: English nestonal champlonships: Men's singles: Second round: D
Hall (Essex) bt P Edevane (Hents), 15-5,
15-5, P Bush (Witts) bt T Dennis (Surrey),
15-9, 15-6, P Smith (Surrey) bt S Archer
(Worca), 15-9, 15-9, M Smith (Hants) bt I Pearson (Essex), 4-15-15-5, 15-4, P
Shepperd (Hents) bt T Cale (Worca), 15-1,
15-7; P Knowles (Kent) bt Kum Wai Kok
(Essex), 18-13, 15-4; R Harmsworth
(Essex) bt S Pandye (Staffe), 15-0, 5-15-12, A Nielsen (Surrey) bt A Bush
(Wits), 18-15, 15-2 Charter-finais: D Hall
(Essex) bt P Bush (Witthine), 15-4, 15-4; P
Smith (Surrey) bt M Smith (Hampshire)
11-15, 15-13, 15-7, P Knowles (Kent) bt
Shepperd (Hampshire), 15-11, 15-5; A
Nielsen (Surrey) bt R Harmsworth (Essex), 15-6, 15-4.
Sentin 15-5, 15-12, Nielsen bt Knowles,
15-6, 17-14.
Women's singles: Second round: HA CUP: Quarter-finals: Havant 0 Southpate 2: Hounslow 4, Doncaster 0; S Albans 0, East Grinslead 2; Stourport 1 Teddington 1 (ast: Teddington won 5-4 or Teddington 1 (ast: Teddington won 5-4 on strokes).

HA CLUB TROPHY: First round: Cambridge Momads 1, Sution Coldfield 2; Chippenham 1, Nottingham Gregory 2; Epsom 2, Havering 1; Finchfield 2, Wigsn 3 (ast); Knutstord 6, Leominster 0, Penzance 0, McSussex 3; Sheffield Benkers 2, Ipswich and E Suffolk 0; Yatlery 9, PHC Chawick 1.

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: East Grinstead 1, Teddington 2; Firebrands 0, Trojans 0; Hounstow 3, Bournville 1; Indian Gymithena 2, Neston 2; Lyons 6, Havert 7; Old Loughtonians 2, Carnock 0; Southgabs 3, Bromley 0; Stourpor 1, Six Abans 1; Welton 2, Slough 1, Second division: Sarford Tigers 3, Harborne 1; Chelmstond 3, Boumemouth 3; Doncaster 5, Cambridge City 0; Gore Court 0, Surbition 2; Ison 3, Guidford 2; Reading 4, Cheltenham 1; Richmond 1, Camterbury 3; Wakefield 2, Brear 2; Warfington 3, Formby 0.

11-8. F. Gallup (Surrey). bt A Abbott (Nortes), 11-5. 11-3. J Mann (Wartes) bt B Blair (Devon), 11-6. 11-1; J Wright (Sussex) bt A Blanks (Staffs), 11-2. 12-10. J Bradbury (Oxon) bt T Hallam (Staffs), 11-2. F. Smith (Surrey) bt S Hore (Hants). 11-8. 11-3. Oxerter-finals: H Troke (Hampshire) bt T Groves (Sussex), 11-4, 11-7. S Lowe (Devon) bt F Gallup (Surrey), 11-7. 11-0. Wright (Sussex) bt J Mann (Warwickshire), 11-8, 11-6; F Smith (Surrey) bt J Bradbury (Oxdord), 11-12, 11-2, 11-5. Semi-finals: Louis bt Troke, 11-7, 11-2. Smith bt Wright, 11-3, 11-3

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WORLD CUP WARM-UP MATCHES:
Devonport: Three-day match (first day):
Pakistan 198-8der (R Raja 50, 2 Fazzal 47;
S Young 5-36), Tessanana 25-1 One-day
matches (50 overs): Launceston: Tasmania 251-3 (D C Boon 73, D Hāls 64);
Pakistan 208. BenaBa: Victoria 204-9 (D S
Lehmann 71); India 171 (S R Tendulkar 59;
M G Hughes 3-22), Victoria won by 33
runs. Brisbane: Ouecroin and 10 233
(K Evetts 64, M Kasprowcz 48); Zimbabwe 104. Ouecrisland 2nd XI won by 129
runs.
CURRIE CUP: Port Elizabeth: Weslern
Province 233 (G Krasten 91, E O Semons
50); Eastern Province 179-3. East
London: Transvala 408-5dec (R F Pensar
98, D J Culinan 79, D R Laing 71, S
Jacobs 54); Border 123-5. Bloemfontheir
Crange Free State 375 (G F J Lebenberg
115), Northern Transvala 173-1 (V du
Preaz 98).
SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Queensland 334
and 301-4 dac (M Hayden 80), South
Australia 130 (C J McDermott 6-59) and
204-0 (G Blowert 97 not out, A M J Hildflich
83 not out).
RED STRIPE CUP: Bridgetown: Leeward Islands 245 and 18-0; Barbedoe 315
(O L Haynes 135, R I C Holder 72, P A
Wallace 55). Cestries: Windward Islands
106 (C G Butts 7-29); Guyana 332-8 (C 8
Lambert 125, R A Harper 74). Port of
Spalin: Jamakoz 204-2 (J C Adams 99, R G
Samuels 88 not out)
SAHIWAL: Under-19 Tour match: Pakirian 175-9; Englend Under-19 169 Pakistan won by six runs
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HARARE: Tour matches: Yesterday:
Zimbabwe 2nd XI 200-8 [G Whittai 41],
Durham 187 (G K Brown 51). Zimbabwe
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200-7 (J Daley 45, P W G Parker 36 not
out, R Ervine 4-36). Zimbabwe Country
Destricts 199-7 (M H Dekker 67). Durham
won by one sun.

CYCLO-CROSS EESTON RC 10: 1, D Barnett (Welland Valley Wh), 54mm 43sec; 2, R Langley (Solinull CC), at 35sec, 3, M Booth (CC La Zouch), at 40sec



Dave Clarke: national cross-country winner

BOWLS 111. Bedfordshire 128; Wiltshare 112, Oxfordshire 115. ATHERLEY TROPHY: Semi-finat: Durham 122, Suffolk, 115 (et Melton Mowbray) LLANELLI: Representative match: Welsh men's under-25 bit Welsh women, 161-90 Finks scores, under-25 first: A Matthews 26, J Ackland 13, J Greenslade 21, R Jones 19; EThomas 34, V Howell 17; M Chard 41, A Deinton 6: B Powell 27, M Street 19, B Weeng 22, S (Fine 16)

ATLANTIC CITY: IBF mid

CRESTA RUN BOTT CUP: 1, K Edwards (GB), 149 77; 2, W Wiegand (Ger), 149 90, 3, P Devson (GB), 150.51, Morgan Cup: 1, C Bertschinger (Switz), 154.21; 2, G Cattaneo (Switz), 155.95, 3, M Melcher (Switz), 156.45.

LACROSSE NORTHERN SENIOR FLAG: Semi-finals: Heaton Mersesy 15, Sheffield Steelers 4, Stockport 9, Checite 10 (aet) BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: Hulmelans 4, Sale 14: Old Waconvans 15, onine NURTHERM LEAGUE:
Hulmeians 4, Sale 14; Old Waconians 15,
Sheffield Univ 4: Timperley 6, Mellor 8
Second division: Leads Univ 4, Norbury 4;
Rochdale 10. Old Signiordians 8,
NELA JUNIOR FLAG: Semi-finals;
Cheadle A 6, Boardmen and Eccles 10;
Wilmslow 9, Moorthorpe 11;
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: England
Under-19 17, South of England 3.

UXBRIDGE: London women's smallbore match (teams of ten): 1, Crvl Service, 1945. 2, Royal Navy, 1906; 3, Army, 1896. Individuals: Crvl Service A Fisher, 199; G Henderson, 197; A Longbottom 197, Navy; S Creddock, 197, K Pirle, 196; L Hanna, 194 Army; H Telford, 196, K Thurlow, 194; S McNeil, 194

RUGBY LEAGUE YOUNGERS ALLIANCE. First division: Bradford 22, Hull KR 10; Oldham 12, Hull III. 18; Warrington 14, Wigan 22 Pennith 8; World sevens tournament: Cuarter-finals: Wigan 22, Pennith 8; Manly 14, Balmain 10; Britsbane 14, Western Suburbs 0; Newcasite 18, Carterbury 8, Semi-finals: Wigan 12, Manly 3 (act); Britsbane 20, Newcasite 6 Final: Wigan 18, Brisbane 6.

SQUASH RACKETS KUWAIT CITY: Liberation Cup: Quarter-finals: S Frenz (Ser) bt M Mct.ean (Sod), 9-5, 9-5, 9-7; C Dritmer (Aus) bt J Bonetas (F), 9-8, 9-0, 9-1, jahangir Khan (Pak) bt J Crombie (Can), 9-4, 9-5, 9-3; R Norman (N2) bt R Scherier (Neth), 9-3, 9-2, 9-10, 9-5 Semi-finals: Jahangir Khan bi Frenz, 9-3, 9-5, 9-7; Dittmer bt Norman, 6-9, 9-5, 9-3, 9-5

TENNIS

1 MLAN: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: G Ivanisevic (Croatia) bit 3 Peccosolido (tt), 6-2, 6-2; O Camporese (tt) bit Acheksavo (CS), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, Final: Camporese bit learnisevic, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, ESSEN: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: M Seles (Yug) bit M Pierce (Fr), 6-0, 6-1; M-J Fernandez (US) bit 8 Ritiner (Gar), 7-5, 6-4. Final: Seles bit Fernandez, 6-0, 6-3. (Sai) 7-5, 6-4. First: Sees bt Femandez, 5-0, 6-3. SAN FRANCISCO: Men's tournament: Saml-finals: M Chang (US) bt B Gibert (US), 6-0, 7-5, J Courier (US) bt D Rostagno (US), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 WELLINGTON, New Zealand: Women's tournament: Saml-finals: N van Lottum (Fr) bt M Javer (Eng.), 7-6, 6-4; D Faber (US) bt A Gressman (US), 6-4, 7-5 Final: Van Lottum bt Faber, 6-4, 8-0. Doubles: Final: B Borneo (GB) and C Wood (GB) bt J-A Faull (Aus) and J Richardson (NZ), 5-0, 7-6

FENCING ISLINGTON: British age group championships: Under-16 sabre: 1. P Waish (Sussex House); 2. C Carlton (Brentwood); 3. A Cole (Evesham), 4. J Lohn (Brentwood), Under-18 sabre: 1. N Hill (Brentwood); 2. P Norman (Roeder); 3. G Başhir (Brentwood); 4. K Beydoun (Sussex House)

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Ville v Blackburn (7 0); Barnstey v Manchester Chy (7.0); West Bromwich v Bolton (7.0) Second division: Wigan v Leicester (7.0).
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Crystal Palace v Tottenham (7.30); Milkwall v Warford (2.0); Reading v Luten ch

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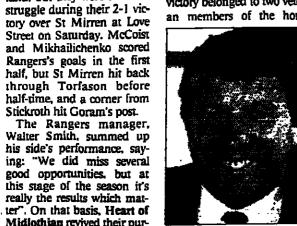
NORTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Newcaste Blue Ster v Conset! NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: North Shields v Spermymoor Utd. RUGBY LEAGUE SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Second round: Barrow v Bradford (7.30).

OTHER SPORT SNOOKER: Regal Welsh Open (New LC)
TENNIS: LTA women's satellite
(Swindon)

Rangers made to struggle By RODDY FORSYTH

RANGERS maintained their they beat Dundee United 1-0

four-point lead at the top of at Tynecastie. The main credit for the victory belonged to two veteran members of the home



ter". On that basis, Heart of Midlothian revived their pur-Alex Smith: threatened suit of the champions when

game's only goal, shortly after Levein, of Hearts, had been ordered off for a foul on Ferreyra, and Smith equalled the club goalkeeping record of 394 appearances with an inspired performance which

team. Bannon scored the

produced a clean sheet. Creaney scored once in each half to give Celtic a straightforward win over Airdriconians and the Parkhead side's chances of securing a place in next season's Uefa Cup were helped by Hibernian's 1-0 win over Aberdeen at Pittodrie. The result virtually ended Aberdeen's hope of a European place and may mean the departure of their manager.

buryl, 14-51. Team: 1. England, 10; 2. Scotland, 37; 3. Wales, 49.

GLASGOW: Peer! Assurance International Games: Men: 60n: Heat 1: 1. J. Uvingsion (GB), 8.88ee; 2. M. Adam (GB), 8.88; 3. C. Smith (US), 8.71; 4. C. Lewis (US), 6.71. Neat 2: 1. Fredericks (Namible), 8.82; 2. P. Stewart (Jam), 6.53; 3. D. Mitchell (US), 6.64; 4. J. John (GB), 8.68; Finat; 1. Livingston, 8.51 (equals UK, Commonwealth, and European necord; UK all-comers' record); 2. Fredericks, 8.54; 3. Adam, 6.59; 4. Stewart, 8.60; 5. Mitchell, 6.60; 6. Smith, 6.51; 7. John, 6.52; 8. Braithweits, 6.59; 4. Stewart, 8.00; 5. Mitchell, 6.60; 6. Smith, 6.51; 7. John, 6.52; 8. Braithweits, 6.59; 4. Stewart, 6.00; 7. Jegis (GB), 20.78; 2. P. Mitchell (US), 20.97; 3. F. Heard (US), 20.97; 300m; 1, J. Lewis (US), 32.72; UK all-comers' record), 2. S. Weethers (GB), 33.53; 3. P. O'Connor (Jam), 33.99; 400m; 1, D. Eversti (US), 45.33 (UK all-comers' record), 2. D. Monts (Jam), 33.99; 400m; 1, D. Eversti (US), 45.33 (UK all-comers' record), 2. D. Monts (Jam), 46.43; 3. A. Mafe (GB), 46.83, 800m; 1, M. Stewis (GB), 1.51.60; 3. P. Ideat (Ken), 1.52.02; 1.500m; 1, M. Kiptami (Ken), 3.41.07; 3, M. Kiptami (Ken), 1.52.02; 1.500m; 1, M. Kiptami (Ken), 3.400m; 1.500m; 1, M. Kiptami (

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CYCLING

(Seur), 21:19:10.

ETOILE DE BESSEGES, France:
Three-day race: 1, F Moncasson (Fr), 4tv
Smn 27:sec; 2, B Zberg (Switz); 3, J
Verstrepen (Beil, 4, E Segneur, 6rr); 5, L
Dufaux (Switz), all same time. Final standings: 1, Zberg, 11tv 39min 4sec; 2, D
Meissen (Nebt), 3, Segneur, both same time; 4, Moncassin, at 6sec. 5, R Pensec
(Fr. at 10

(FT, 81 10 TIME-TRIAL: Bly and District CC 25: 1, C Houston (Sealord Wh), S9min 25ec; 2, R Pyatt (Cambridge Univ CC), 1hr 00mn 21sec; 3, M S1 Leger (Leo RC), 1:01.04, Team: Leo, 3:07:12.

FOOTBALL ENGLISH SCHOOLS BRITISH GAS TROPHY: Quarter-final: Southampton 2. Sheffield 4 ENGLISH ADIDAS UNDER-19 TRO-PHY: Cumbria 6. Cleveland 3 LONDON CRISP SHIELD: Quarter-finel: Waltham Forest 3, Luton 0 ECCLES TROPHY: Leicester 6, Cambridge 0. GOODHAND TROPHY: Mansheld 6, South Notts 2; South East Lindsey 3, Worksop 3. WELSH SCHOOLS SHIELD: Quarterfinals: Rhondda 2, Cardiff 3, Ebbw Vale 2, Swansea 2.

BASKETBALL MEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: Semi-final: Oktham Celtics 85 (Johnson 28, Yates 20), Ware Rebels 76 (Belser 21,

Baulcomb 12)

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Pirst division:
Men: Derby Bucks 89 (Lascelles 21,
Maher 14), Kodek Hemel Hempetead
Royals 76 (Lewis 29, Panouka 15);
Lecester Criv Ridens 86 (Brown 26,
Rickner 11), LA Gear Trafford Grants 84
(Tresvent 28, Johnson 19), Roland Kingston 98, London Towers 85: Thamse Valley
Tigers 108 (Lioyd 32, Peed 20),
Barmscham Bullets 51 (Koretz 24, Simms
15); Stentolon Worthing Bears 99 (Hubbard 24, Baker 23), Cheshre Jets 72
(Crowe 18 McLoughtin 14) Second
division: Brosbourne 89, Bury Metros
101; Greenwich 101, Brixton 103. Third
division: Lecester Falcons 96, Crystal
Palace Semons 67, Sheffield 74, North
London 79; Solent Stars 90, Sedgefield
Racers 70, Stevenage Phoeniz 78,
Calderdale Explorers 70; Swindon Sonics
73, Chiltern Fastbreak, 75; Mid Sussax
Magic 85; Cheshire Bulls 95, Women:
First division: London YMCA 74, Nottingham Wildosts 67; Thames Valley 118,
Bruton Lady Topcats 34, Second division; Wilton Keynes Quality Caps 68,
Cheshire 73, Donosster 68, Sunderland

mam 1; Hizamonto 1; Camesbury 3; Wakefield 2, Bream 2; Warrington 3, Formby 0.

PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashlord 1, Turnbridge Weils 0; Bogner 0, Essloole 3; Marden R 0, Fareharn 3; Old Bordenians 1, Oxford Hawks 3; Old Bordenians 1, Oxford Hawks 3; Old Tsurntonians 0, Winchester 2; Worthing 2, Chichester 3, Regionals: Hampsfairs and Sarrey; Bashgoloke 6, Southampton Univ 0; Oity of Portsmouth 1, Barnes 0; Fleet 2, Old Edwardians 2, Hamble Old Boys 1, Goan 1; Old Welcountians 7, NatWest Bank 0; Oxford 2, Metropolitan Police 0; Pirell 2, Walton 1. Kent and Susses: Herne Bay 2, Crowborough 1; Lloyds Bank 0, Old Williams 1; Mid-Susses; 5, Midland Bank 2; Old Becchamians 1, Thanses Poly 0; Old Holcombelans 1, BICC 1; Tonthridge 4, Burds and Oxfordshire: Aylesbury 5, Windsor 1; Brackned 4, NPL 1; Marlow 2, Southgate Adel 5; Newbury 1, Harvest 2, Ernstra division: Ben Rhydding 1, Alderley Edge 2; Brooklands 5, Disley 1; Durham University 2, York 0, Hightown Northern 2, Swalwell 0; Liverpool Setton 0, Sheffleld 2, Norton 0, Timperley 0; Preston 3, Blackburn 1, Postponed: Bowdon v Ramgarhus. NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Pramier division: Beds Eagles 6, Col-

Preston 3, SISCOUM 2: Durham emiversity 5, Blackburn 1. Postponed: Bowdon
v Rangarhia.
NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUEPramiler division: Beds Eagles 6, Colchester 3: Brosboume 0, Bishop's
Stortford 2; Crostyx 1, Pelicans 0;
Harleston Maggles 5, Westcliff 0; Ipswich
5, Bury St Edmunds 2; West Herts 1,
Blueharis 4; Ford 1, Peterborough 3;
Norwich City 3, Wisbech 0.
ERNST AND YOUNG MIDLAND
LEAGUE: Premise division: Coventry
and Warwicks 1, Bloowich 1; Edgbaston
7, Belper 0; Khalsa 0, Bealton 2,
Nottingham 1, Bridgnorth 1; Otton and
Warwick 2, Leicester Westfelch 1.
HALPERN AND WOOLF NORTH WEST
LEAGUE: First division: Cheetham Hill 4,
Northop Hall 1; Macclesfield 1,
Manchester YMCA 0; Manchester 1,
Prescot 1; Cotton 2, Southport 2; Springfields 1, Cheether 1; Si Helens 0, Wigan 3;
West Derby 1, Krutsford 4; Winnington
Park 2, Desside Ramblers 1 (abandoned
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MOWLEM YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: First

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MOWLEM YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: First division: Adel 1. Halitax 1; Donoaster 2, Appleby Frodingham 0; Harrogate 9, Lincoln 0; Huddersfield 2; Walkefleid 1; Rotherham 4, Farsiey 1, Sheffleid Bankers 1, Bradford 2; Weiton 5; Driffleid 0; York CS Trojare 4, Grimsby 1 Postporied: Chopetrown v Bardsey.

NORTH EAST LEAGUE: First division: Morpeth 2, Norton 0; Radcar 0; Derlington 0, South Sheids 1; Billingham 3; Sunderland 7; Tynedale 1. Tynemouth 1; Carliste 1 Postponed: Slockton v Writtehaven SCHOOLS MATCHES: Binkop's Stortford College 2; Bedford 1; Colsion's 2; Cillton College 1; Dean Colse 8; Kng's, Gloucester 0; Downside 2; Kng's, Rution 1; Faisted 2; Upprogham 2; Framlingham 3; Leys 2; Kng's, Taumton 0; Oueen's, Taunton 1; Pangborne 3; Blootham 0; Stathams 0; Merchant Taylor's, Northwood 8; Sastord College 8; Ardingley 0; Trinty, Croydon 2; Kng's, Rochester 2; Wellington, Berks 1, Bradfield 3
TYPHOO WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Second division: Harleston 0. Ecmouth 2; Leading positions: 1, Pickwick, 13 pis, 2, Eumouth, 12: 3, Harleston. 10 pts.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL INDOOR CHAM-WOMEN'S NATIONAL INDOOR CHAM-PIONSHIPS (Crystal Palace): Schools: Semi-finals: Gordano 7, Wycombe HS 2; Dame Allice Harpur 4, Ousen Ekzabeth 0 Final: Gordano 2, Dame Alice Harpur 0. WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL LEAGUES: East: Bury St Edmunds 0, Welwyn Garden City 2; Copdock 2, Blucharis 4. Leading positions: 1, Bureharis, 22 points; 2, Sarscens, 18 pts; 3, Canter-bury, 17 pts Blucharts win league.

SENIOR WOMEN'S CLUBS: Aldridge SENIOR WOMEN'S CLUBS: Alchridge 2. Loughborough 1: Ben Rhydding 0, Bradford 1, Bournemouth 1, Trojans 3, Bracknell 2, Wimbledon 5; Saracens 2, Cambridge City 0; North Starfs 5, Sherwood 1, Ofton 5, Tamworth 1, Pickwich 5, East Glos 0; Reading 2, City of Portsmouth 0; SI Alberts 4, Letchworth 0, WOMEN'S SOUTH WALES LEAGUE: Cymbran 0 Cerdiff Athletics 3, Penarth 0 Swanses 2.

ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Washington Capitals 6, New York Rangers 2: Minnesota North Stars 3, Buffalo Sabres 0: Wirnipeg Jets 4, Calgary Flamas 1: Edmonton Ollers 4, New York Islanders 2: Saturday: New Jersey Devilla 6. Boston Bruns 4, Los Angeles Kings 4, Pittsburgh Penguins 3: Philadelphia Flyers 3, Quebes Nordiques 0; Toronto Maple Leafs 6, Montreal Canadiens 4; Chooge Blackheyks 3, \$1 Louis Blues 1. Lamb and Smith hold key as England enter final day of third Test battling to preserve unbeaten record

Hick finds bowling an easier art to master

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN WELLINGTON

EVER since Graeme Hick carried his burdensome reputation into the England side last summer, the game has waited with growing impa-tience to acclaim him. Yesterday, the moment arrived. "It was," Micky Stewart, the England team manager, said, "a very significant and quite amazing achievement."

The trouble is, Stewart was not referring to Hick in his day-job as No. 3 batsman. but in his part-time role as offspin bowler. As this third Test match continued to unfold its drama, a final, unpredictable act to come, Hick was markedly more impressive with the ball than with the bat.

His four wickets in New Zealand's first innings came from 69 overs, 27 more than his aggregate in six previous Tests. It was a remarkable performance by one who would not claim to be more than a novice spin bowler, but it could not entirely deflect attention from the downside of his game. Hick to put it bluntly, bowled more overs in the innings than he scored runs in the match.

He batted only nine overs yesterday, but made 22 with such purpose, poise and glimpses of class that bets were being staked that this would be his breakthrough century. Instead, just as he had done after his first-innings 43, he played a diffident stroke to a regulation ball and retreated to ponder a crisis of confidence.

Hick has batted here in the manner of one anxious to dispense with the formalities and get on with the party. Lengthy, introspective periods of defence, which marked his earlier Tests, have given way to instant shotmaking. It has been more like the real Graeme Hick, the one with 65 first-class centuries at the age of 25, but it has still not

served him well. Nobody scores the volume of runs he has done without a formidable attacking arsenal, but in Test cricket that is not enough. In each innings of the series, Hick has had his defensive technique and his limited footwork exposed. and by bowlers not as menac-ing as the West Indians he faced last summer or the Pa-kistanis against whom he must attempt to establish

Outwardly, Hick himself is unaffected, but as Stewart said last night: "As every innings goes by, it is more of a worry to him. He doesn't look as if he is floundering from bail to ball. He actually looks in pretty good order, which makes it even more frustrating - particularly to him."

Fortunately for Hick, there is more to him than batting alone. He is the fittest member of the squad, so fit indeed he has earned the nickname "Arnie", after the macho Schwarzenegger. He is the best all-round fielder in the side and, as Graham Gooch hoped he might, he has also developed in a bowling role which may be to his own and

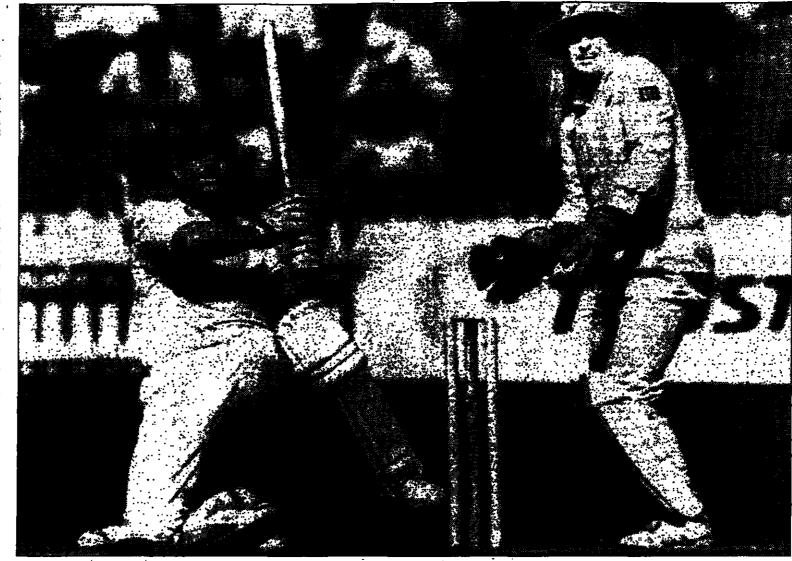
England's benefit.
Few would expect to be told that Hick outbowled Philip Tufnell here, but that was the case. Tufnell has enjoyed so many good days on the tour, but he had a bad weekend on a pitch where he might have been expected to bowl out opponents who have shown every indication of a complex about him. He did set one record, the highest number of overs bowled in a first-class innings in this country.

In trying to make things happen, Tufnell persistently bowled a fraction too short. on this slow surface an open invitation to players as strong on the back foot as John Wright and Andrew Jones.
It was their second-wicket

stand of 241, initially intense but eventually decorated with punishing shots, which emphasised the inadequacy of England's first-innings score. Granted first use of the pitch, they should have put the game beyond New Zealand, instead of which they limped to last night's close with an untimely defeat still

New Zealand had batted through the morning session, adding 92 runs. Gooch was obliged to take a third new ball and, in DeFreitas's absence, to give it to Botham, who indulged in some theatrical arm-waving on being clat-tered for two straight fours by Su'a, before proving that traces of the baffling magic remain by dismissing Cairns

with a leg-side long hop. Crowe declared with a lead of 127 and five sessions remaining. Gooch, who had looked at his most hangdog-



mehos into a shot for civ while Ian, the New Zealand wicketkeener, stands and admires Sporting Smiths: Robin, of England, lau

weary in the field, soon perished to an unpleasant lifter from Cairns which he could only steer to gully. Hick carne and went and it seemed that we were destined for what is becoming the routine hundred from Alec Stewart.

It would have been his fourth in seven Test innings but, after a mixed bag of fluency and fortune, including being caught off a no-ball, he was taken down the leg side by Smith for 63.

England's third wicket fell with the scores level and 80 minutes still to bat. Even one further loss would have shifted the odds in favour of a home win and Crowe's experiments included employing Su'a as a second spin

Smith and Lamb stood firm, England's unbeaten tour record probably resting

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England won toss		•	•			A H Jones b Hick	143	15	0	462	39
ENGLAND: First Innings 305 (A J	Stewart :	107: D	N Pa	tel 4	87).	"M D Crowe b Tufnell	30	4	0	89	8
Second In		-			•	Played on, cutting			_		_
	•	4s	6s.	Min 25	Balls	K R Rutherford run out (Gooch/Hick) Sent back looking for single to cover	8	0	. 0	60	4
*G A Gooch c Rutherford b Calms		. 1	0	25	26	R T Latham b Hick	25	3	.0	101	.90
A J Stewart c Smith b Patel	- 63	8	. 0	168	127	D N Patel lbw b Hick Sweeping; hit on front pad	9	1	0	20	2
G A Hick c Smith b Su'a Edged ball angled across him	_ 22	4	. 0	40	23	C L Cairns c Russell b Bothara	33	3	0	110	10
R A Smith not out	- 41 ·	. 4.	2	173	139	†i D S Smith b Hick	21	2	0	40	33
A J Lamb not out	24	3	0	76	64	M L Su'a not out	20	3	0	51	3
Extras (fb 9, nb 1)	. 10	. 1				D K Morrison not out	0	0	0	12	. 11
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71-33-0, 2-1-8-1); Reeve 3-1-11-0 (10-9-0, 2-1-2-0).
INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 150 in 309min, 87,1 overs. Lunce at 181-1 (96 overs; Wright 89, Jones 79), New ball after 96.5 overs: (social as lunch); 200 in 354min, 100.3, overs; 250 in 418min, 115.3 overs; 300 in 479min, 134.2 overs; 400 in 587min; 470-2; evers; 400 in 587min; 470-2; evers; 400 in 287min; 470-2; evers; 400 in 287min; 470-2; (prims 33, 5x; a 10). Declaration during lunch.
Wright's 50 in 231min, 198 balls, 6 fours. 100 in 359min, 306 balls, 12 fours. Jones's 50 in 153min, 132 balls, 4 fours. 100 in 359min, 309 balls, 10 fours. Umpires: B L Aldridge and R S Dunne.

South Africans show promise in defeat

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN PERTH

THE South Africans duly lost their first match in Australia here yesterday, but they could be quite encouraged by

the fight they put up.
They went down to Western Australia by three wickets in the end, off the first ball of the last over, a result that was more likely than not from the time that Kepler Wessels, contrary to all accumulated wisdom, chose to

Getting on for five-and-ahalf inches of rain had fallen on Saturday, making it the wettest day ever recorded in Perth. The South Africans were kept from practising as they had planned and the curator from reconditioning last week's Test pitch in quite the way he had wanted. It kept the crowd down too, though there were still nearly

17,000 at the game and the atmosphere was certainly not that of a World Cup warm-up match, most of which are being played before a handful of spectators.

There was an opening ceremony and the teams were as keen as each other to win, Western Australia in order to maintain a record against touring sides of which they are justly proud. Being a day-night match things had until 2.30 yesterday afternoon to dry out, and in the event you would hardly have known it had rained.

But for a sixth-wicket partnership between Rhodes and McMillan it would not have been a match at all. Coming together at 66 for five they exactly doubled the score. and it took the first of two remarkable catches by Alderman, both taken diving to his right at short mid-wicket, to separate them. The earlier

batsmen were too busy trying to keep out Reid and Alderman to make much progress, and when Kirsten, Cronjie and Kuiper had set about moving things along they became reckless.

Although slower than it

had been in the Test match,

the pitch still had enough spring in it, and the atmosphere enough swing in it, for the two wicketkeepers to take seven catches between them. Neither Reid nor Alderman has given up hope of making Australia's World Cup squad, and this was a fitness test, as much as anything, for Reid. Of the South Africans one was seeing for the first time, Cronje looked as though he will be worth watching, just as the darting Rhodes will in the field.

It was less hur. ' and the ball was moving about rather less by the time Western Australia batted, but their Test

openers, Moody and Marsh, were soon gone. The fastest bowler in the Test series just finished was McDermott and Donald was now notice ably the faster of the two. He could become one of the stars of the World Cup. Last night McMillan, a powerful oneday cricketer, and Pringle backed him up well, and once Pringle had removed Veletta and Lavender, who added 60 for the third wicket, the South Africans unlocked memories of their last two sides to come here with some

immensely keen fielding. A target of 158 was not especially demanding, but Western Australia had 47 overs rather than 50 in which to get them, owing to their own miserly over-rate. The rain had slowed up the outfield, so that at 133 for seven with five overs left it was not yet over. Zoehrer, however, is an old hand and just before ten o'clock he steered the

SOUTH AFRICA
M W Rushmere c Moody b Alderman ., 9
TK C Wessels c Zoehrer b Aldermen 6
P N Kinsten c Zoehrer b McCague 17
W J Cronie c Zoehrer b Julian 7
A P Kusper c Zoehrer b McCague 3
J N Rhodes c Alderman b Moody 35
B N McMillan c Zoehrer b Reid 32
†D J Richardson not out
R P Snell c Alderman b Moody 0
M W Pringle not out
Extras (lb 12, w 10, nb 7) 29
Total (8 wkts, 47 overs) 157
A A Consid did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS, 1-9, 2-31, 3-48, 4-53,
5-66, 6-132, 7-134, 8-135.
BOWLING. Reid 10-3-12-1; Alderman 10-
2-28-2; Julian 10-2-35-1; McCague 10-0-
36-2; Moody 7-0-34-2.
INTERPREDAL ALIGNMENT IA

36 2 Moody 74-34-2

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
T M Moody c Richardson b Pringle ...
G R Marsh bow b Doneld ...
M P Levender libe b Pringle ...
M R J Veletta b Pringle ...
D R Martly c Richardson b McMillan
W S Andrews c Rushmere b Crops ...
L J Zesberg and and

England women gain the lead in Test series

THE England women took a she hit 48, including seven 1-0 lead in the series when they beat New Zealand by four wickets in the second Test match at Cook's Gardens, Wanganui, yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes). It was England's first Test victory in New Zealand

since 1969 in Christchurch. Norma Izard, the England manager, said after the match that she was very pleased with the result, particularly as the wicket was extremely difficult.

"It was so unpredictable that you had no idea what the bad balls would do, let alone the good ones," she said. "I thought that there was some excellent cricket played and that the home team fielded well, bowled tightly and attacked right to the close." Carole Hodges laid the foundations for the win when

POINT-TO-POINT

fours, and shared in a fourth wicket partnership of 58 with the Yorkshire all-rounder, Sue Metcalfe.

The opener, Jo Chamberlain, was England's most suc-cessful bowler, following up her five-wicket haul in the first innings, with 3-42 on Saturday to help dismiss New Zealand for 104 in their second. The disappointing score, which included three run-outs, left England needing 172.

SCORES: New Zestand 212 and 104; England 144 and 173-6 (C Hodges 48, S Metcate 41; J Turner 3-42); England won by lour wickets.

□ Brisbane: Zimbabwe had a bad start yesterday in their preparation for the World Cup, losing by 129 runs to a Queensland state second XI side, after being dismissed for 104 in 33.5 overs.

SNOOKER

Hendry builds lead in **Masters**

By PHIL YATES

STEPHEN Hendry laid a concrete foundation from which to capture the Benson and Hedges Masters title for the fourth time in succession when he established a 5-2 first session lead over John Parrott, the World and UK Champion, in the best of 17 frame final at Wembley Conference Centre.

Hendry, the world No. 1, who has remained unbeaten in 15 matches at the Masters since his debut in 1989, was by far the heaviest scorer and while his safety play was not quite as convincing, it was sufficient to keep Parrott cold for most of the afternoon. Indeed, but for one cruel slice of ill fortune in the seventh frame. Hendry's interval position would have been bordering on the unassailable.

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Enjoying his usual fast start, Hendry compiled an 81 break from his first opportunity in the opening frame and led 2-0 thanks to a cleverly constructed colour clearance in the second. Parrott, who had clumsily fouled the reds with his cue when well-placed in that frame, grazed a red with his sleeve in the third and it was soon 3-0.

Without having to rely on an error from his opponent, Hendry punched in a long red in the fourth frame to initiate a 136 total clearance. It was a personal landmark in that it was his 150th century break in professional competition and his highest break at the Masters.

From 0-55, Hendry made valiant effort to snatch the fifth frame but, after a 46 break, he failed on a difficult black from distance. The following was also decided on the black when Hendry, having put it thin into a baulk pocket, saw the cue ball travel 12 feet in off.

RESULTS: Serra-finata: S Hendry (Scot) bl.J White (Erg), 54. Frame accres (Hendry Inst): 134-0, 65-45, 8-79, 72-0, 58-11, D-139, 42-64, 67-43, 60-85, 83-44, J Parrott (Erg) bi N Foulds (Erg), 6-3. Frame scores (Parrott First): 14-2, 71-49, 76-43, 64-68, 22-52, 39-71, 53-44, 73-43, 60-52. Finat: Hendry leads

YACHTING

Conners is humbled by new boat

San Diego: Bill Koch's newest yacht, America³, beat Dennis Conner's Stars & Stripes by 6min 23sec in the opening race of the second round-robin of the America's Cup defender trials off San Diego on Saturday (Bob Ross writes).

The first leg was close but as the crew of America³ became used to their new boat. it became obvious that she was the livlier.

Bill Koch, the syndicate head of America³ but the least-skilled of its four helmsmen, steered for the middle egs of the race after Buddy Melges had established a lead of 2min 19sec. Koch said the boat had performed as tank tests had predicted.

"It looked to us like the new America3 boat was well sailed and performed well with no apparent weaknesses," Conner said. "But this thing is far from over."

HOCKEY

chance set up from the left by Sukvinder Hanspal to regain

They held the initiative for

the next 15 minutes and

Ashcroft made a couple of

good saves before Neston

began to retaliate. Their at-

The position in the second

division of the league re-mained unaltered when Sur-

biton. Reading and Canterbury won. Osborn

scored twice for Reading.

who defeated Cheltenham 4-

1, and Kerly obtained all three goals for Canterbury,

RNDIAN GYMKHANA: P Stotesbury: Syraes Mr, Bhejen Flore, Harjit Senchu, Perminder Soor, Kalwinder Hangpel, Sukvinder Hangpel, Kurkinder Soor, Delpi Hanspel (sub. J Michael), Davinder Rehnby,

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NESTON: C Ashcroft; P Edwards, R Beswick, D Fox, J Pidcock, A Crutchiey, D Lorrex (subt: 8 Greene). S Crutchiey, R Crutchiey, D Cutter, D Cheshire.
Umpfree: D College and M Martin (both Southern Counties).

who beat Richmond 3-1.

with his opportunity.

the lead for Gymkhana.

Crutchley grabs draw from lax Gymkhana

Indian Gymkhana.....2 Neston.....

ROBERT Crutchley snatched an equaliser for Neston in the last 30 seconds of their Pizza Express National League match against Indian Gymkhana at Feltham yesterday. Fighting against relega-

tion. Gymkhana did not make the best use of their skills in front of goal, particularly in the second half. When Crutchley scored, they were reduced to ten men, Kulvinder Soor having been sent off for a questionable tackle.

Kulvinder had given Gymkhana the lead with a powerful shot in the eighth minute. Neston squared the match

in the 29th minute. Flora obstructed Pidcock at the point of scoring and Pidcock made no mistake from the penalty spot.

Three minutes into the second half, Michael, a substitute forward, converted a

Havant cling to league advantage

HAVANT, eliminated from the Hockey Association Cup by Southgate on Saturday, remained on top of the Pizza Express National League yesterday with a 7-0 win over Lyons (Sydney Friskin

Southgate, who won 2-0 on tempts to score from three Saturday with goals by Welch and Shaw, join East Grinstead, Hounslow and short corners were thwarted by quick dashes from the line. In the end, Greene, who Teddington in the cup semihad replaced Lomax at outfinals on March 15. side right, provided Crutchley Teddington struck two tell-

ing blows by knocking Stourport out of the cup on Saturday and defeating East Grinstead 2-1 in the league yesterday. McGuire and Colciough scored for Teddington and Wallis replied for East Grinstead from a short corner. In the cup match,

Sherwani, who had equalised for Stourport at 1-1 from a penalty stroke, missed the target from the spot on two other enabling occasions. Teddington to win the shootout 5-4.

Pipe is honourable fifth on riding debut

BY BRIAN BEEL MARTIN Pipe arrived by

at the East Cornwall point-topoint on Saturday to see his son. David, have his first ride in public. There was, however, no

fairytale ending. The 19-yearold rode a competent enough race on Richard Barber's Archie's Nephew but had to settle for an honourable fifth without ever looking likely to win a high-class open.

Among the 13 that went to the post were Elver Season, successful in three hunter chases last term, and two of last week's winners, Midnight Madness and Bally eden. Those three proved to be the main contenders, and, despite hitting the fourteenth fence hard, Robert Ainer sat tight on the favourite Elver Season and went on to win by four lengths.

Alner had previously won the intermediate on Mr Murdock in the fastest time of the day, and there was a double also for Philip Results, page 27 | Scholfield, who followed up

his win in the confined on Confused Express by taking division two of the restricted on Golden Mick.

Owner-trainer Barber had some compensation when his attractive five-year-old, Rural Outlit, successful in two longdistance hurdles in the north last season, won the RMC qualifier under Polly Curling. Jennifer Litston was out of

luck after winning the hunter chase at Newbury on Friday on Bee Garden. In an exciting finish to division one of the restricted, her mount Jimmy Cone was beaten a length by the Joanne Cum-ings-ridden Flame O'Erensi. Rosco Boy made the long

journey to the Old Raby Hant Club to win the ladies' open for Jill Dawson but the 3-1 on favourite had to fight off the challenge of Straight Pilot, ridden by Jeannie Brown. He had only half a length to spare at the post. The first of four successes

for women riders here came in the members, in which confusion reigned with the first and third horses running

out after the last leaving Stanwick Monument (Sue Wilkinson) an easy winner. There was also an eventful

open at the Jedforest, where Dun Gay Lass was an absentee. Burnswark won by two fences after Eden Like ran out at the sixth and Jimmy River, followed suit when in the lead at the same fence on the next circuit. The fence was dolled off for subsequent races.

Off for Subsequent races.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS: CAMBRIDGESHIRE HARRIERS (Cotsanhark Hunt): 1, NO Fizz (C Ward, 9-2); 2, Spring Rag, Only two finished, 3 ran. Cooffined: 1, Onick Reaction (M Gingel, 5-1); 2, Walkers Hill; 3, Roers Of Applause. 13 ran. Open: 1, Cart's Choice (G Cooper, 4-5 lay!; 2, Deethate: 1, Shee Jest (A Hill, 3-1); 2, Bertla Boy; 3, Elsea's Image, 15 ran. Ladles: 1, Fort Half (Miss T Bracegirdle, 4-7 lay!; 2, Cortad; 3, Bright Hour. 9 ran. Rest: 1, Benington George (S R Andrews, 4-1); 2, Gale Forna Tarc 3, Berton Bendish, 14 ran. Midn t. 1, Sapperton (A Harvay, 6-1); 2, Double Light; 3, Magic Melisse. 13 ran. Ridn 1, 1, Sassy Rephew (Mrs L' Gibbon, 7-1); 2, Wave Crest, 3, Mandy's Time, 16 ran. WHEATLAND (Eyton-On-Severs).

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Hunc: 1. Tytherington (M Hammond, 2-5
tav); 2, Floristic. Only two. finished. 5
ran: Confined: 1, Singlog Seal (A Crow,
2-1 fav); 2. True Loop; 3, Sack. In
Business. 14 ran. Open I: 1, Corston
springs: (P Joness. 12-1); 2, Fourth
Tudor; 3, Dark Record. 11 ran. Open II;
1. Queensway Boy (N Bradley, 6-4 fav);
2. Abpreviation; 3, Noofforms Diemms.
11 ran. Ledies: 1, Mendip Express
(Miss A Dars. 4-7 fav); 2, Spertan City;

3. Fly For Us. 14 ran. Mide: 1, Cell Vina (A Crow, 2-1 Jf fav); 2, Snitton: 3, Parshsan's Pride. 17 ran. Confined Novices: 1, Abbravisted IR Jones, 18-1); 2, Minchells Best; 3, Equity Player, 17 ran.

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JEDFOREST (Friers Haugh); Humt; 1. Falialism (Mrs. R. Elliot, 1-3 fav); 2. Imperiar Peart; 3. Sodiar's Post; 3 ran. Confined; 1. Melsonby (Miss P Robson, 12-1); 2. Eye Valley; 3. Dundyvan, 10 ran. Laddes; 1. Steele Justice (Miss P Robson, 1-3 fav); 2. Fish Ousy; 3. Madam Chevaler; 11 ran. Open; 1. Burnswark (M Ramsay, 5-1; 2. Jimmy River; 3. Edea Light; 5 ran. Rest; 1. Mister Scruff (R Hobrison, 3-1 fav); 2. Geelic Empress; 8. Could Be Gold, 18 ran. Midn (Oh) It; 1. Barney Rubble (T Morrison, 12-1); 2. Menry Jerry; 3. Thirty All, 14 ran. Midn E. 1. Larloch (T Morrison, 8-1); 2. Floyella; 3. Electric Arc, 16 ran.

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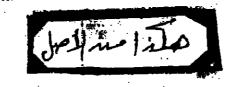
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Pat Sicel. 10 ran. Open I: 1. Dromin Joker (J Deutsch, 6-4 Jt fav); 2. Radical Views: 3. Near Exchange. 12 ran. Ladies: 1. Springhill Song (Miss K Stavenson, 7-1); 2. Bold King's Hussar; 3. Cawarra Lad. 15 ran. Open II: 1, True Bloom (G Tarry, 5-4 fav); 2. Thureby; 3. Chemist Broter. 10 ran. Rest I: 1. Sweet Patrick (T Jones, 4-1); 2. Dinner Suit; 3. Romile Will. 15 ran. Rest II: 1, Tumbrif (L Lay, 16-1); 2. Jole Gazelle: 3. Samson Bill. 15 ran. Hust: 1, Reffolds (Miss C Balding, 9-2); 2. Scrumpy Country; 3. Gobadone. 5 ran. Rest III: 1, Stolen Star (S Sweeting, 12-1); 2. Good Holidays; 3. Cova Ceile. 16 ran. Midn I: 1. Fishing Rights (F Richmond-Watson, 6-1); 2. Cool Distinction; 3. Matter Of Law. 14 ran. Bide II: 1, The Grey Borsen (I McKis, 4-5 fav); 2. Harry Monic; 3. Barle Express. 9 ran.

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Approval. 10 ran. Mized Open: 1, Lord
Puma (M Soversty, 6-1): 2, Fifth
Attempt; 3, Barrgemma, 9 ran. Méda II:
1, Cautor Greene (S Wallkor, 12-1): 2,
Very Cheering; 3, Rich And Red. 10 ran.
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France sets standard for Games openings

SELDOM if ever has there the last faint pink of the been such grandeur as in the opening ceremony of the XVI Winter Games on a starlit, memorable evening here in Albertville. France has set a standard for all future Games in elegance, artistry and emotion.

François-Cyrille Grange, an eight-year-old schoolboy, stood hand in hand with Michel Platini. symbol of the spirit of French sport — the pair of them silhouetted on the lip of the stadium against dark, snow-clad peaks catching dying sunset - man and nature were in harmony.

The home of Baron Pierre de Coubertin retains in its approach to sport that sense of glory that is so distinctive, in success or failure.

I have never been as moved on such an occasion, as on this evening of colour and costume, art and acrobatics, music and mime. It was unfortunate that, for the English-speaking world, the teams on the march past were introduced with banal rhyming couplets reminiscent either of children's pantomime or of summer

oliday camp bonhomie. Fighter jets twice roared overhead, leaving a trail in coloured smoke of the Olym-

pic rings. There were sensitive, special cheers during the march past for the nations emerging out of Europe's former configurations: for Estonia, in their steel-blue uniforms, for Croatia, Slovenia and the rest, and for the United

Team of the republics of the former USSR. There was a Francois Mitterand, the president of France, spoke warm welcome for the lone his brief words to formally open the Games, Alpine horns and church bells echcompetitor of Swaziland, Keith Fraser, who was born oed through the valleys. Soldiers raised the Olympic flag The words of Jean-Claude and a sea of upturned silent Killy rang out across the freezing night air to a crowd faces signified the common of 30,000 and the worldwide aspirations among those television audience: "Some brought together by the 2,200 athletes, some of Games. Totally unheralded, whom are bearing the flags Platini appeared with the of newly-independent naflame, ran one lap, then tions represented at the joined little Francois-Cyrille,

and the two of them mount-

ed the 80 steps to ignite that

flame of hope. Severine du

Olympics for the first time

realm of fantastic feats." As

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Pelloux, a Savoie girl, hauntingly sang the Marseillaise. Then came the Folies. Men on monster stilts. dancers, jugglers, ballet skaters. Accordionists beating out a rhythm for trampolinists, and four magical acrobats suspended from a huge central mast on spongee ropes.

Statuesque dancers on revolving platforms pirouetted in glacial elegance, arias filled the air, and a thousand flags arrived like a snowfall. There was honour for France on this opening day.

Relaxed approach bodes well for skater

Conway steers clear of the limelight to hone programme

FROM JOHN HENNESSY

BY NOW, Joanne Conway, a six-times British skating champion, is back in North Shields, familiar ice under her blades but Albertville still very much on her mind (John Hennessy writes).

She has chosen, sensibly, to distance herself from the Olympic hurly-burly, after appearing briefly for the opening ceremony - "Couldn't miss that" - and will not return until next Sunday, three days before she is called to do her original

Having abandoned a demanding choreography set for her by Christopher Dean, she seems notably more relaxed and certainly more comfortable on the ice. She is even thinking wishfully of a medal here signing off yesterday with an encouraging runthrough of her original double toe loop.

Perhaps only Midori Ito, of

Japan, and Tonya Harding, an athletic American, gambling with their triple axels. can surpass that combination. Some may be capable of two triples, as indeed is Conway, but they must all save that coup for the final, since it

Schneider's priorities

RESULTS FROM ALBERT

Meribel — The double Olympic champion, Vreni Schneider, aged 27, who lost her lead in the wompic champion., Vreni Schnei-der, is not afraid to admit to suffering fear. "Yes, I'm scared. There's nothing to be ashamed of," the Swiss woman said after pulling out of next Wednesday's combined downhill after falling.

"You can't race downhills if you are worried about falling and I have too much at stake to risk hurting myself," she

ALPINE SKIING

MEN'S DOWNHILL (Val d'isère)

1968 winner P Zurbriggen (Switz)

1989 wraner P Zurbriggen (Switz)

P. Ortheb (Austra), 1mn 50.37sec; 2, F. Procard (Ft), 1:50.42; 3, G. Mader (Austra), 1:50.47; 4, M. Wasmeer (Ger), 1:50.62; 5, J. E. Thorsen (Nor), 1:50.78; 6, F. Hemzer (Switz), 1.51.39; 7, H. Tauscher (Ger), 1.51.49; 8, L. Arnessen (Nor), 1:51.53; 9, A. Krit (US), 1:51.98; 10, F. Cotturi (ft), 1:52.07; 11, K. Ghedina (ft), 1.52.26; 12, L. Alphand (Fr), 1.52.34; 13, D. Mahrer (Switz), 1:52.30; 14, G. Martin (ft), 1:52.48; 15, Y. Gigandet (Switz), 1:52.50. British: 29, M. Bell, 1:54.83; 31, R. Duncan, 1:54.95; 33, G. Bell, 1:55.82. 45 finished.

SKI JUMPING

SMALL HILL (70m)

1988 winner M Nykaner

NORDIC SKIING

WOMEN'S 15km CROSS-COUNTRY



programme, highlighted by an impressive triple lutz to a

en's World Cup to Austria's Petra Kronberger earlier this month, has a far bigger dou-

ble date next week.
Then she will try to the first skier, man or woman, to win back-to-back Olympic titles in two events, when she defends her titles in the giant sialom and special sialom events.

New event

1. L Egorova (UT), 42mm 20.80 sec; 2, M
Lulkiannen (Fin), 43:29.90; 3, E Vathe
(UT), 43:42.30; 4, R Smetanna (UT),
44:01.50; 5, S Befmondo (ti), 44:12.40; 6, Marja-Lilsa Kirvesniemi (Fin), 44:32.70; 7, I
H Nybraten (Nor), 44:31.50; 9, G Paruzzi
(fi), 44:44 00; 10, M-H Westin (Swe),
45:02.50; 11, V Venciene (Littuaria),
45:12.90; 12, N Martyinova (UT), 45:16:10;
3), L Belazova (C2), 45:28.60; 15, M
Cschmann (Ger), 45:28.80; 15, M

SPEED SKATING

WOMEN 3,000m FINAL

1889 winner: Y Van Gennip (Neth)
1, G Niemann (Ger), 4-min 19.50sec; 2, H
Warnicke (Ger), 4-22 88; 3, E Hurysdy
(Austria), 4-24 84; 4, C Zijstra (Neth),
4-27.18; 5, 8 Boito (Un), 4-25.00; 8, Y Van
Gennip (Neth), 4-25.10; 7, S Bejanova
(Un), 4-28.19; 8, J Boemer (Ger), 4-29.52;
9, L Van Schie (Neth), 4-30.57; 10, L
Protacheva (Un), 4-30.78; 11, J Krohn
(Swe), 4-31 98; 12, S Heshimoto (Japan),
4-32 12, 13, Y Kaeriyama (Japan), 4-33.53;
14, E Betel Dal Farra (Ju), 4-34.28, 15, M
Docter (US), 4-34.51.

LUGE

MEN'S SINGLES (La Piagne)

1988 winner J Müller (Ger)

LEADING POSITIONS (after two of four runs). 1, G Hacki (Ger), 1min 30.541sec; 2, M Schmidt (Austrie). 1:30.659; 3, M Prock

led to no rift between Conway and Dean, "Chris agreed with me", she said, "that his steps made it too difficult for me to do the triple jumps. I'd just love to see someone else having a go at a programme By contrast, Steven Cousins, also British champion, has added more substance to

is not allowed in the original.

The change of strategy has

his original programme. The men are allowed two triple jumps in combination and, after the European championships in Lausanne had revealed that the triple lutz to double toe loop was inadequate, he and his trainer, Alex McGowan, decided on two triple toe loops. The lutz appears elsewhere as a replacement for the triple flip.

The triple axel is a notable nission these days but, at 19, Cousins has plenty of time on his side.

Meanwhile, in women's speed skating yesterday, the world champion, Gunda Niemann, won the women's 3,000 metres race to give the German team their first gold

medal of the Olympics.

Niemann, tipped to sweep
the board in the three distance events, stormed home almost three seconds ahead of partner, Heike Warnicke. Emese Hunyady, of Austria, took the bronze medal.

The Germans are fielding their first unified team since

(Austria), 1-30.686; 4, N Huber (it), 1-30.908; 5, O Haseirlader (it), 1-31.017; 6, J Müller (Ger), 1-31.033; 7, R Friedl (Ger), 1-31.112; 8, R Marzanveiter (Austria), 1-31.123; 9, 5 Dardin (UT), 1-31.330; 10, D Kennedy (US), 1-31.402, British: 21, N Ovett, 1-32.973; 27, | Whitehead,

ICE HOCKEY

1988 winners: Soviet Union

Saturday: Pool B: Canada 3, France 2; Czechoslovskia 10, Norway 1; Unified Team 8, Switzerland 1, Yestarday: Pool A: Sweden 7, Poland 2; Finland 5, Germany 1.



Slide to success: Gunda Niemenn, of Germany, on the way to winning the German team its first medal, in the women's 3,000 metres speed skating

Hackl leading over night

La Plagne: Georg Hacki, the twice world luge champion from Germany, goes into today's final two runs in the men's singles as the overnight leader and favourite for the gold medal (Chris Moore

09.00: Cross country: men's 30km, 09.00: Luge: men's singles, 11.15; Alpine sking: men's combined downhill. 13.6; Alpine sking: men's end women's ballet finals. 14.00: Speed skating: women's 500m, 12.15; 16.15 and 20.15; ice hockey: Pool B: United team v Norway; France v Czechoslovakia; Canada v Switzerland. Hacki, aged 25, an army sergeant, who won the silver in Calgary four years ago, set a track record with the day's fastest time of 45:190sec on his opening run, and though only third fastest on the second descent, leads by 09.00: Luge: women's singles. 09.00 and 13.00: Alpine stiding: man's combined statom. 09.30: Nordic combined: 90m ski μmp. 13.00: Blathfor: women's 7.5km. 18.30: Figure stating: pairs free programme. 16.15 and 20.16: loe hockey. Pool A: United States v Germany; Sweden v Italy. 0.118sec from Markus

Schmidt; of Austria. Another Austrian, Markus Prock, the winner of this year's World Cup, is in third

place, only 0.027sec behind. Nick Ovett, of Britain, was ying in 21st place out of a Finland, by 1 min 09.1 sec. field of 34, having set person-Tough course, it was very al best times on both yester-

His team-mate, Ian Whitehead, is almost a second behind in 27th place. ☐ Les Saisies: Lyubov Egorova, a freestyle expert from St Petersburg, showed her versatility by winning the women's 15-kilometre classic-style cross country race -

day's runs. If he continues

improving today, he could

just squeeze into the top 20.

the first medal of the Games. Egorova, aged 26, the reigning world 30-kilometre freestyle champion, led the

race from start to finish and beat Marjut Lukkarinen, of

hard at the end," Egorova said after the race, which had a total climb of 564 metres and was held at an altitude of 1,600 metres. "But what a good day, such a good day!"

Egorova covered the race. held for the first time in the Olympics, in 42min 20.8sec. She posted the fastest split time after the 1.9-kilometre mark and also had the fastest time at halfway. Lukkarinen prevented a one-two for the Unified Team, finishing 12.4sec ahead of Elena

FOOTBALL

Juventus hold on to deny Milan's irresistible force

THE irresistible force met the immoveable object in the San Siro stadium yesterday: AC Milan. Serie A leaders and the most exhilerating attacking team in Italy, met Juventus, their only serious rivals to a league championship crown and the most obdurate defensive unit in the country. The result was a stalemate - a fascinating. fierce, passionate but perhaps all too predictable 1-1 draw. If nothing else, though, it kept interest in the Italian league alive for a little while onger this season.

Had Milan won, they would have opened a sevenpoint lead at the top of the division and turned Europe's richest, most challenging and most powerful championship into a procession. Their destiny remains in their own hands, but Juventus can at least hope that they can take advantage if the Milanese slip up in the near future.

Those hopes looked peril-ously slim after five minutes of yesterday's game. Milan began at a furious pace, putting immediate pressure on the visitors and taking the lead through Marco van teristic lapse at the back allowed the Dutchman to slip his marker, meet Alberigo Evani's cross and score his seventeenth goal of the sea-

Yet Juventus, at times fortunately, survived, and equalised through Pier Luigi Casiraghi in the 27th minute. From that point, the balance of power shifted and it was Juve who ended the game on the ascendant. Milan having to work hard to stay on level

Napoli, in third place, have now set their sights on a place in Europe, but those will have not been helped by a 2-1 by Parma, Georges Grun settling the issue in the last minute. There were disappointing displays, too, from Sampdoria, held to a 1-1 draw in Genoa by lowly Bari, and Internazionale, who lost 1-0 in Verona.

The shadow of the Stasi. the former East German secret police, may have dominated the headlines in recent weeks in the Bundesliga as former players, notably Torsten Gütschow of Dynamo Dresden, were alleged to have spied on their teammates, but attention can now at last switch back to the pitch. The Germans have emerged from their winter break to complete one of the most intruiging title races of recent years.

The decline of Bayern Munich has allowed a posse of other clubs to challenge for the championship, with Borussia Dortmund the most prominent. A 1-1 draw at Fortuna Düsseldorf kept them on top of the table, with Eintracht Frankfurt close behind. Eintracht drew 1-1 with VFL Bochum, while Bayern, though they are floudering in mid-table, still attracted a 70,000 crowd when they travelled to Schalke 04. Yet again, the game ended in a 1-1 draw, Mihajlovic snatching a point for Schalke with three min-

utes to go.

Ajax may be trailing PSV

Eindhoven in the Dutch league, but they have enjoyed the better of the two clubs' encounters of late, and they did so again yesterday, knocking PSV out of the Dutch Cup with a 2-1 victory in Amsterdam. John van Loen scored the winner in extra-time.

A mistake by the goalkeep-er, Pascal Olmeta, gifted Sochaux a late equaliser and cost the French champions, Marseilles, a home point at the Stade Velodrome yesterday. With three minutes remaining, Olmeta dropped the ball to allow Mickael Madar to equalise in an unexpected 2-2 draw.

Carcle Bruges 2: Germinal Ekeren 3, Ghent 0; Lokeren 2, Royal Antwerp 0. BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Athlone Town 0, Gatwey United 1; Cork City 1, Shamrock Rovers 0; Drogheds United 1, Darry City 0; St Patrick's Althletic 1, Shelbourne 2; Sigo Rovers 0, Bray Wanderers 1. DUTCH 1.EAGUE VVV Venio 3, SVV/Dordrecht 30 2; Volendam 4, Utrecht 2: William II Tilburg 2, Den Haag 0; Fortuns Sthard 0, MVV Masstricht 0; Rode JC Kerkrads 0, Groringen 0. Cup: Ajex 2, PSV Endhoven 1. FRENCH LEAGUE: Auxerre 3, Metz 0; Cannes 0, Toulon 1; Le Havre 1, Nimes 1; Life 0, Paris Saint-Germain 0; Lyont 3, Rennes 1, Marselles 2, Sochaux 2; AS Monaco 2, St. Ettenne 0; Montpeller 0, Toulouse 0; Nancy 3, Ceen 0; Nantes 1, Lens 0.

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PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Porto 3, CS
Martisno 1; Benfica 2, Sporting Liston 0;
Belra Mar 1, Vitória Guimaráes 2; Uniao
da Madeira 4, Gil Vicente 1; Sporting
Brage 1, Estonil 3; Chaves 1, Pacos de
Ferreira 1; Famalicão 2, Torreense 0;
Pensifie 0, Boavasta 0; Farense 1,
Salgueiros 1.
SPANISH LEAGUE: Bercelona 1, Sevilla
0; Athletic Bilbao 2, Sporting Gijón 0;
Cadiz 2, Logrofiés 0; Vielences 1, Albacate
1; Osesuna 1, Reel Burgos 1; Atlético
Madrid 3, Reel Matiorca 0; Real Oviedo 1,
Español 0; Real Zaragoza 1, Reel

EUROPEAN SPORT IN BRIEF

Henkel's record

Heike Henkel, of Germany, set an indoor world women's high jump record on Saturday when she cleared 2.07 metres, eclipsing the mark of 2.06 metres set by Stefka Kostadinova, of Bulgaria, four years ago. Henkel, aged 27, broke the record on her third attempt during the German indoor championships in Karlsruhe.

Grit Breuer, 400 metres silver medal winner at last year's world championships in Tokyo, set the year's best indoor time of 23.03sec in a 200 metres heat.

☐ Marcus O'Sullivan, of Ireland, won his fifth Wanamaker Mile in a slow 4:00.65sec at the Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden, New York

An also-ran

Racine: Michelozzo, winner of the 1989 St Leger, was unplaced in the 12-furlong Prix de Pise at Cagnes-sur-Mer, France, vesterday. The six-year-old, formerly trained by Henry Cecil, is now with John Hammond at Chantilly.

Sukova triumphs

Tennis: Helena Sukova, of Czechoslovakia, the second seed, overpowered Laura Gildemeister, of Peru, the

third seed, yesterday to win the singles title in the Mizuno world ladies tournament in Amagasaki, Japan, Sukova took an early lead in her 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 victory, breaking service in the second and sixth games in the first set.

Talks resumed

Sports politics: North and South Korea have agreed to resume sports talks that were scrapped after a northern athlete defected to the south last August, South Korea's state radio said yesterday. The aim is to pave the way for unified Korean teams to be sent to all international sporting events.

Frenz advances

Squash rackets: Mark Madean, of Scotland, lost his quarter-final match in the Kuwait Liberation Cup to Simon Frenz, of Germany on Saturday. Frenz took only 45 minutes to come through 9-5. 9-5, 9-7. Chris Dittmar, of Australia, and Ross Norman. of New Zealand, were also competing in the event.

CYCLING

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Induráin is reeled in by the pack

Jaen, Spain: The Tour de France champion, Miguel Induráin, of Spain, roused himself from his slumbers to lead the fifth stage of the Tour of Andalucia for most of its 140 kilometres on Saturday, but in the end the pack swallowed:him up. Johan Museeuw, of Bel-

eium, finally won a sprint finish from the World Cup holder Maurizio Fondriest, of Italy, and Malcolm Elliot, of Britain, in 3hr 14min 59sec. Miguel Angel Martinez, of Spain, maintained his 24-

second overall lead. Indurain. who was expected to use this first tour of the season as a warm-up for his Tour de France defence, slipped 16 minutes off the pace on Friday when Martinez and Jesus Montoya, also of Spain, left the pack gasping in the mountains. He looked like stamping his authority on the rest on Saturday when he broke away after 13 kilometres. (Reuter)

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TENNIS

Milanese upset Ivanisevic

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF sixth game of the second set

and third game of the final.

OMAR Camporese, the local favourite, defeated Goran Ivanisevic yesterday to win the Milan indoor final, 3-6. 6-3, 6-4. The first set lasted only 27

minutes as Ivanisevic, seeded eighth and ranked No. 13 in the world, delivered eight aces. But the Croatian's service faltered and Camporese, No. 24 in the world, began scoring with sharp returns and blistering passing shots. "I hoped but didn't expect

his serve to fall off that way.

Camporese said. The two men are doubles partners, but Ivanisevic, aged 20, complained that many Italians in the crowd of 8,000 whistled between his services to distract him. He was also aggrieved that the organisers did not have the music for the band to play the national anthem of his newly independent country before the

match. "It's normal, that's Italy," he said. "Wait for the next time, when there's a tournament in Croatia."

Camporese, aged 23.

scored decisive breaks in the

set. Ivanisevic had trouble keeping his big first service in, and double faulted six With 11 aces, Camporese served strongly and never lost his service after the first set.

"He played better, there's nothing else to say, Ivanisevic said. The tournament lost its top seven seeds in the first two

rounds. The victory, worth \$81,200, was Camporese's second important tourna-

ment win. He defeated Ivan Lendl in the final at Rotterdam a year ago, and also led Italy to a surprise victory over Spain in a first-round Davis Cup match last week. ☐ Essen, Germany: Monica Seles, the world No. 1 and defending champion, defeat-

ed Mary Joe Fernandez, of the United States, 6-0, 6-3, at the Nokia tournament The left-hander from Yugoslavia, aged 18, dominated using long double-handed

passing shots. She took the first set in 21 minutes. Fernandez, aged 20, caught on to Seles's strategy in the second set and recov-

ered from 0-3 to 3-3 with equally clever shots. But Seles kept Fernandez running and won the title on the first match ball in a total of just 54 minutes."I definiteplayed my best tennis

here," Seles said. Fernandez, the second seed, said: "She started off serving very well and played so fast. She got all the impor-

The title victory was Seles's third in Essen, after 1990 and 1989. Three weeks ago in Melbourne she beat Fernandez 6-2, 6-3 in the final of the Australian Open.

Seles leaves Essen with \$70,000 after defeating Mary Pierce, of France, Catarina Lindqvist, of Sweden, and Angela Kerek, of Ger-

SHOW REPORTS

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many, on her way to the final. Fernandez collected \$31,500 for beating Barbara Rittner and Claudia Porwik, of Germany, and Sabine volleys and unpredictable Appelmans, of Belgium. Supplied by Ski Hotline, L and U refer to lower and upper slope

1988 winner M Nyklinen

1. E Vertori (Austria), 222.8pts (88.00m, 87.50), 2. M Hollwerth (Austria), 218.1 (90.50, 83.00), 3, 7 Niemanen (Fin), 217.0 (88.00, 84.50); 4, H Kuthin (Austria), 214.4; 5, M Laithien (Fin), 213.6; 6, A Felder (Austria), 213.5, 7, H Hunger (Ger), 211.6; 8 D Mollard (Fi), 203.7; 9, J Wieselling (Ger), 208.5, 10, J Parma (Cz), 207.9; 11, M Essine (United Team), 204.7; 12, S (Gostrias (Sievenia), 201.8; 13, J Hollard (US), 201.1, 14, M Harada (Jepan), 201.0; 15, J Sakale (Cz), 200.8

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Cup semi-final remains in the balance

Sheringham seizes his chance to shine

Nottingham Forest....... 1 Tottenham Hotspur...... 1

By STUART JONES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

TEDDY Sheringham's response to being dropped has been to lift Nottingham Forest on to the threshold of the Rumbelows Cup final. Omitted last weekend, the centre forward bought from Millwall for £2 million, has since scored three goals in the mid-week quarter-final replay against Crystal Palace and the equaliser in yesterday's semi-final first leg.

His contribution against Tottenham Hotspur may not seem especially significant. but in seizing on a misdirected interception, he altered the balance of the tie. Forest feel almost more at home inside White Hart Lane, where the second leg is to be staged in three weeks, than on the banks of the River Trent.

In their last eight visits, they have won six games (including the fixture on Boxing Day, which was their last victory in the League) and

DAVID Platt was yesterday ruled out of England's inter-

national against France at

Wembley on Wednesday

week (Stuart Jones writes).

He was injured in Ban's

league game at Sampdoria and there were initially fears

that he may have sustained damage which could keep him out for most of the build-

up to the European champi-

stretcher in the 14th minute

with a suspected fractured

right shin. However, x-rays in

a local hospital confirmed

that the damage was no more than a badly twisted ankle.

He confirmed that he will

be out for at least a formight

but should be able to be avail-

able for the next practice

match, in Czechoslovakia at

onships in the summer. He was carried off on a

over, their optimism should be enhanced by Tottenham's dismal form in north London, where they have lost

eight times this season. So. Sheringham, with his seventeenth goal of the sea-son, may have done enough to protect his club's extraordinary sequence in the competition. Defeated only once in the last four years, they have so far collected the trophy four times, a record they share with Liverpool.

Hopes of a fifth title, and qualification for the Uefa Cup, were diminished, though, when Tottenham received a controversial penalty midway through the first half.

Forest's supporters were convinced that Allen had not only controlled the ball with his hand, but had also fallen deliberately over the outstretched leg of Wassall. The evidence of television supported only the second claim. Allen later argued the case for his own defence. "I didn't dive," he insisted. "I didn't try to con anybody, and I consider myself to be an honest

Yet, after the referee had

the end of March, Graham

Taylor, the England manager who will announce his

squad today, conceded that

Platt's absence was a set-

back. "I've already lost Paul

Parker with a hamstring and this is less than helpful," he

John Barnes, who has a calf

strain. He is expected to recall

Neil Webb, of Manchester

field. The loss of Parker is

likely to earn a reprieve for

Lee Dixon, who might other-

wise have lost his place at

right back. Gary Stevens could be called in as cover in

that position.

Lineker, captain in place of the injured Mabbutt, put his side ahead with consummate impudence. Remembering that Crossley had saved his penalty in the FA Cup final last May, he chose the unexpected: delicately floating a chip over the goalkeeper.

"I've done it a couple of times before," Lineker said. "But those matches were not covered on television, so nobody knew anything about the way I took them. I don't want to say too much more, because I would give away all my trade secrets.

Tottenham, initially stretched themselves and invariably by the purposeful passes of Clough, took com-fort from their lead and threatened to extend it shortly before the interval. Samways, released delightfully through a vacant central path by Lineker, pulled his shot wide and his miss could yet prove

Tottenham, perhaps, could sense it and their anxiety was reflected in the three cautions to be issued. Sedgley was booked for throwing the ball away in frustration, Samways for wasting time at a throwin, and Edinburgh, a minute after being sent on as a substi-tute, for deliberate handling.

They were also fortunate not to be punished collectively by Pearce a few minutes into the second half. Forest's captain stole in on the blind side of a packed defence and beat Thorstvedt, but his apparent equaliser was disallowed. The television cameras indicated, however, that he had not been in an off-side position.

Shortly after the hour, Forest, who tended to indulge in over-eiaboration, found a legitimate way through. Sedg-Laws's through-ball, inadver-tently deflected it to Sheringham, who promptly swept it home. Both sides seemed content, during a subdued finale, to accept the stalemate.

For France, Pascal Vahirua NOTTINGHAM FOREST: M Cross NOTITINGHAM FOREST: M Crossley; B Laws, S Pearce, D Walter, D Wassell, R Kasnie, G Crosby, S Germill, N Clough, E Sheringham, K Black, E TOTTEMHAM HOTSPUR: E Thorstvedt; T Ferwick, P Van den Hauwe, S Sacigley, D Howells, G Bargeson, P Stewart, G Durle, V Sarnways (sob: Naylos), G Lineter (sub: J Edinburgh), P Allen. Referee: D Allison. will miss the match after injuring his shoulder in Auxerre's 3-0 win over Metz.

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Ardiles out to return

OSVALDO Ardiles, dismissed as manager of Newcastle United last week, intends to stay in English football if he can find another managerial post.

Ardiles said that his dismissal to make way for Kevin Keegan had come as a sur-prise, after the club chairman, Sir John Hall, had given him a vote of confidence. However, he was reported to have said: "I'm not going back to Argentina. I would like another opportunity in management."

West Brom on top, page 30

KATRIN Krabbe, the world

100 and 200 metres champi-

on, yesterday protested her

innocence over allegations

that she and two other Ger-

man international athletes

manipulated urine samples

we know that we are inno-

cent, that someone or other

must have tampered with the

sample," Krabbe said, after

competing in the German

However. Professor Manfred Donike, one of the

world's leading experts in

drug analysis, said yesterday

that tests on the second

sample confirmed findings

that the specimens submitted

by Krabbe, Silke Möller and

Grit Breuer were identical.

indoor championships.

"We are all certain, because

used for a drugs test.

Krabbe proclaims

her innocence

By JOHN GOODBODY

him for Marder, his compatriot and bronze medal winner. It was a low-key finish to what should have been a glorious day's skiing in this ma-

The drama of the day was a while coming. Ordieb, a big man for such a technical course, set the standard and then had to wait as the wink-

board at the bottom of the slope repeatedly failed to go past his at the top of the column. For a long time, Wasmeier, the day's second runner, held second place 0.25sec behind him. Stock, the experienced Austrian, winner of the 1980 Games at Lake Placid, fell; so did

Girardelli, of Luxembourg. Kitt, who had won this season's World Cup race on the Oreiller-Killy course and who considered Russi's design did not favour the faster man, was only seventh on time at the first interval, and faded to be ninth. "It was a nice atmosphere, it was fun, but I would rather ski the other course," Kitt said.

Mader, skiing just ahead of Kitt, had jumped ahead of Wasmier by fifteen hundredths of a second. Austria were sitting pretty. And then, to a thunder of home supporters' feet on the temporary metal stands around the base of this awesome run, Piccard was through the gates and hurtling towards the 45-degree Partridge Turn. At this stage, he was lying ninth on

By the fall-away right-hand turn, a third of the way down.

back to do a job in Paris BY DAVID HANDS

Richards

DEAN Richards may have been down this season but he is very far from out. The Leicester rugby union player, dropped from the World Cup team in Paris last October, was recalled yesterday by England for the match against the French in the five nations' championship at the Parc des Princes on Saturday. In the process. Richards becomes England's most capped No. 8 with 32.

His selection ahead of Tim from the team that cantered away from Ireland 38-9. though England did train at Twickenham yesterday with two injury doubts. Simon Halliday needs to show by Wednesday that he has recovered from a damaged hamstring as does Richard Hill. the reserve scrum half, from a

Of the two, England are more optimistic about Halliday, the right wing, who was hurt during Harlequins' cup victory over Wasps and left the field in the first half. If he does not play, then Nigel Heslop will return. Hill went off in extra-time of Bath's win at Northampton and Steve Bates (Wasps) stands by.

Once again this England management has demonstrated an ability to take unpalatable decisions. Wins by 18 points and 29 points over Scotland and Ireland respectively would suggest a con-vincing argument for the status quo. But all has not been well with control of the ball at lineout and in the

Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, believes Richards is the man to combat French strengths as well as enhance English virtues. Dean picks up scraps of ball and he has great physical strength. That is not to criticise Tim who is a strong boy He has a long career ahead of

Jonathan Webb, with his 26th appearance will be-come England's most-capped full back ahead of Dusty Hare and Rob Andrew. in vinning his 47th cap but his 46th at stand-off half, draws level with Jackie Kyle, the Irishman.

Ireland have been forced to change their full back for Saturday's game against Scotland. Jim Staples must rest a back complaint for several weeks and Kenny Murphy returns to win his ninth cap. Brendan Mullin is doubtful because of a bruised thigh and David Curtis will replace him at centre if he fails a fitness test. Ralph Keyes (flu) and Terry Kingston (head injury) missed yesterday's training but two forwards. Des Fitzgerald and Philip Lawlor, were added to the replacements.

The Scotland stand-off half, Craig Chalmers, may miss the match because of a knee injury.

Kriec injury.

BNGLAND: J M Webb (Bath); S J Halliday (Harlaquirs), W D C Carling (Harlaquirs), captain), J C Guecuti (Bath), R Underwood (RAF/Laiceater); C R Andritw (Toulouse), C D Microris (Crell); J Leonard (Harlaquirs), B C Moore (Harlaquirs), J A Probyn. (Waspa), M G Skiraner (Harlaquirs), M G Bayfield (Northampton), W A Dooley (Preston Gressinopers), P J Winterbottom (Harlaquirs), D Richards (Leiceater), Replacements: N J Healop (Ornel), D Pears (Harlaquirs), R J Hill (Bath), M P Hyres (Ornel), C J Olver (Northampton), T A K Rodber (Northampton).

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Downhill gold medal is won by an unheralded Austrian

FROM DAVID MILLER IN VAL D'ISÈRE

BERNHARD Russi's Face de Bellevarde course for the men's downhill race at the Winter Games vesterday proved to be a test, as predicted, of skiers more than skis. With 25 turns instead of the usual 15 or so, it was a day more for the all-round skier than for the downhill specialist. For Patrick Ortlieb, of Austria, in fact.

The fancied runners in this most prestigious of all Winter Games races, Markus Wasmaier, of Germany, Karl Heinzer, of Switzerland, the World Cup leader, and A. J. Kitt, of the United States, finished fourth, sixth and ninth, respectively.

Ordieb, aged 24, from Lech, that up-market resort in the Arlberg Pass, had never previously won a downhill. Yesterday, first of the day down the course in 1min 50.37sec, he was never bettered.

Such is Ordieb's fame as a downhiller, or lack of it, that when he arrived for the medal winner's press conference, the French co-ordinator failed to recognise him, mistaking

nounced, out-of-competition

The German federation,

which yesterday heard a sub-

mission from lawyers repre-

senting the three athletes.

said that it would continue its

investigation. Meanwhile,

the three athletes are free to

race in meetings in Genoa,

Italy, on February 18, and in

Manipulating a urine sam-

ple carries the same penalty

as failing a test, and an ath-

lete found guilty can be

banned for up to four years.

Paris, on February 22.

programme.

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jestic mountain setting.

ing lights on the big score-

DeFreitas's injury a concern

FROM ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN WELLINGTON

Donike said: "All three A TEST match still hung in came from the same person. I the balance here last night as cannot say at this stage from England's tour selectors met whom." The first tests were to draw up their provisional plans for the World Cirp, now conducted in South Africa, where the trio were training, less than a formight away. England ended the penultias part of Germany's unan-

mate day of the final Test in New Zealand 44 runs ahead and with three second-innings wickets down. On a dry, dusty pitch taking substantial spin, no result could confidently be ruled out. The need to prune the party

to 14 for the World Cup is now pressing, however, and the tour selection panel was joined by Ted Dexter, chairman of the England committee. for what ought to have been the straightforward task of eliminating two players. It was not quite as uncom-

plicated as it appeared: David Lawrence and Mark Ramprakash were the leading candidates for the early flight home, with Jack Russell also a possibility, but the management remained concerned about the fitness of Phillip DeFreitas, who has been restricted to eight overs in this Test match by a recurrence of

a groin strain.

The World Cup rules stipulate that the replacement of any named squad member. once the competition begins. is at the discretion of the Cup committee. The inference is that a player entering the tournament with an injury cannot be substituted, a situation which demanded careful thought by the selectors.

Micky Stewart, the team manager, said: "DeFreitas is improving for rest and we are hopeful he will be fit. His target is to play in the one-day

international in Christchurch on Saturday, by which time we would like all our nominated 14 to be 100 per cent Stewart reported that Chris

Wall and down the moderate

gradient approaching the

precipitous Buzzard Bump.

he was accelerating into sec-

ond place. Could he win the

gold for France? He would

have no idea as he took the

ferocious left-hand Eagle

Turn with its 50-degree drop.

the inside edges biting into the ice with a force sufficient

to cut through an oak post.

slope he came, over the huge

jump and into the finishing

saucepan with a flourish, to

receive the first real acclaim

of the day. By thirteen hun-

dredths, he had failed to over-

haul Ortlieb. But the French

difficult," Piccard reflected.

"I believe this course is the

future of Alpine skiing, even

though it has been criticised.

Ortlieb had genuine quality

and he did well in the sliding

passages. Contrary to what

some say, the speed at the top

is too fast, even for Super G

order, with Martin Bell.

eighth in the last Olympics, finishing 29th, two places

ahead of Ronald Duncan.

The British were down the

"Technically, it's extremely

were happy enough.

Down the 57-degree final

Lewis was back with the party after undergoing his regular hospital treatment for Raynaud's Phenomenon, a rare circulation complaint particularly affecting the ends of the fingers. The treatment involves six hours on a drip and it was decided Lewis should have it now as he is suffering from a scuffed bowling finger which could be prone to infection.

Both Lewis and Derek Pringle, ruled out of the Test by back trouble, are expected to be available for the one-day game in Dunedin on Wednesday. If injuries do force England to recruit from ourside the existing 16 for the World Cup, Gladstone Small, of Warwickshire, will be called in, having been put on standby a month ago. ☐ Harare. Durham's trou-

bles continued yesterday with another injury and sudden collapse against a Zimbawe XI here at the Zimbabwe sports club. Having turned almost cer-tain defeat into a one-run

victory against Country Districts on Saturday, they lost by 13 runs yesterday after slumping from 112 for one to 187 all out in reply to 200 for six, including three run-outs. David Graveney, the cap-

tain, made his comeback after injury, but the opening batsman, John Glendenen. strained tendons in his left thumb. (Agencies)

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4 into 1 does go!

England lose Platt

through leg injury



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Madonna in bloom again

The masterpiece Madonna with the Pinks languished in an English castle until restoration revealed its authenticity. Now, argues Richard Cork, it overshadows its model by Leonardo

ow that virtually all the finest Italian Renaissance paintings belong to museums, the discovery of an exquisite Raphael in the Duke of Northumberland's collection at Alnwick Castle seems little short of miraculous. Newly cleaned and restored, the Madonna with the Pinks goes on display in a special loan exhibition at the National Gallery on Wednesday. Raphael can be a rather intimidating artist. But this superbly preserved little picture shows the young artist in his most direct. lively and captivating mood.

Why, then, was the Madonna with the Pinks regarded as nothing more than a copy of the lost original? The mystery becomes even more puzzling when the picture's history is examined. For at the time of its purchase by Algernon, the fourth Duke of Northumberland in 1853, the painting was widely admired as authentic. Connoisseurs who examined it in the Camuccini collection, one of the sights of Rome, agreed that the picture was the "glory" of all the paintings acquired by the copyist and dealer Pietro Camuccini with his younger brother. Vincenzo, a prominent neo-classical whose passion for Raphael had led him to exhume the artist's bones in 1833.

The duke bought all 74 pictures in their collection for £27,589, excluding the bribes needed to finesse its export. According to a list still preserved at Alnwick Castle, the Ra-

appreciably more than any other painting in a collection, which also included important canvases by Bellini. Claude and Guercino. More than a dozen copies of the Madonna with the Pinks, produced after Raphael's death, testify to the esteem it enjoyed. And when the distinguished German scholar Gustav Waagen visited Alnwick in 1854, he had no hesitation in saying of the Raphael that, "of all the numerous specimens of the picture I have seen. none appear to me so well entitled to be attributed to his hand as

Only a few years later, though, a far less enthusiastic verdict was delivered by J.D. Passavant, who. published a catalogue of Raphael's work. He was not prepared to state that the picture was anything more than "school of Raphael". and criticised its unpleasant retouchings. Although Passavant had not examined the painting at Alnwick, relying instead on re-ports of its condition, his opinion proved damagingly influential. With true aristocratic obstinacy.

the duke refused to be disheartened by the shocking demotion of his prize. He enclosed the Madonna with the Pinks in a specially designed and carved gilt frame. which blended with the resplendent Renaissance-style interiors he had commissioned for the castle. For a while, at least, the disputed Raphael enjoyed a privileged place in the duchess's private sitting room, along with other small images from devotional Camuccini collection. But the scholars who examined it there echoed Passavant's reservations,

there to look at some

Leonardo: imbalance between Madonna and child

phael was valued at £2,500 - and in 1882 J.A. Crowe and G.B. Cavalcaselle concluded that the Alnwick Madonna was "probably by a Florentine assistant of

Raphael".
The coup de grâce was administered in 1897 by the formidable Bernard Berenson. His reputation, then at its zenith, ensured that any painting he looked on with disfavour was regarded by the mortified owners as an embarrassment. Soon after Berenson attributed the Alnwick Madonna to Raphael's pupil Giulio Romano, the picture was quietly relegated to a corridor. There it remained, dimly lit, disgraced and usually overlooked by art historians who might have detected the

painting's true quality.

The dramatic fall from scholarly favour did, at least, save the picture from the fate which befell other gems from the Camuccini collection. Like so many other members of the British aristocracy in the present century, the Northumberland family felt obliged to sell off some of their greatest paintings. Bellini's monumental Feast of the Gods, a

landmark in Venetian art which should never have been allowed to leave this country, ended up in the Washington National Gallery of Art. and Guercino's Ester before Ahasuerus was sold to the Univer-

sity of Michigan Museum of Art.
If the Raphael had been deemed
an original, it would by now
doubtless belong to an American
collection as well. But the painting was left to languish undisturbed. until Nicholas Penny visited Alnwick last spring. As the Clore curator of Renaissance painting at the National Gallery, he had gone

> other Italian paintings in the collection. Passing through the corridor, he found that the Madonna with the Pinks had become discoloured with dirt and old varnish. Although Raphael's name was still prominently displayed on the Victorian frame, the painting had been neglected and its attractiveness impaired by a vertical split in the centre of the oanel's lower half. Since the crack travelled across two sensitive areas of the composition, containing the Virgin's right hand and Christ's outstretched leg, the damage was impossible

Penny, however, was excited by the picture and felt convinced that further examination would yield surprises. In 1983 he had pub lished an authoritative book on Raphael with Roger Jones, and his close knowledge of the artist now bore speciacular fruit. In Auust, the Duke of

Northumberland agreed to let the painting travel to the National Gallery for further investigation. Penny's excitement grew even more in-tense when he found that "the subtlety and assurance of the modelling, and the delicacy and solidity of the handling, qualities difficult to discern when the painting hung in Alnwick, became more apparent in the conservation

The long-derided picture must. he concluded, be Raphael's orig-inal. Subsequent probing by X-radiography and, above all, infra-red reflectography confirmed Penny's verdict, disclosing be-neath the paint layers a freely handled underdrawing which is remarkably similar to Raphael's drawings on paper. The cleaning undertaken by Herbert Lank, in October and November last year, further revealed the consummate quality and exceptional condition of an enchanting addition to

Raphael's surviving oeuvre. This ourstandingly fresh and animated painting was executed between 1507 and 1508, when the artist was still in his midtwenties. Raphael had been based



in Florence since 1504, learning so quickly from the work of Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo that he soon became regarded as their equal. His fame centred on a tirelessly inventive series of Madonna and child compositions, and the Alnwick panel is among the most vivacious of these perennially popular pictures. Holding a bunch of carnations (or pinks) in her left hand, the Virgin presents one of them to her son. And he stretches out both hands to grasp

the flower. The very opposite of rigid or aloof, this beguiling image shows how Raphael humanised the relationship between Madonna and infant. Their attention focuses on the carnation, a symbol not only of true love but of healing and divine protection. The smallness of the panel, which measures only 19cm by 23cm, accentuates the pair's intimacy. A folded curtain emphasises domesticity, while the window opens onto a seductive

Tuscan landscape. Throughout his precocious youth Raphael had thrived on his ability to vie with older artists. He

took as his starting-point Leo-nardo's celebrated Benois Madonna, painted around 30 years before. Here the Virgin and child are likewise caught up in the beauty of a flower. Leonardo's infant is beefier in build, however. He seems uncomfortably large compared with the slightness of his young companion, and Ra-phael rectifies this imbalance. The mother in Madonna with the Pinks is a more substantial pres-ence, even though her femininity is enhanced by the gracefulness of

her transparent veil. The child, whose sprightly hair compares favourably with the dome-like baldness of Leonardo's infant, seems smaller in relation to the Virgin. He also looks more stable than the tilting infant in the Benois Madonna, for Raphael has given him an ample white cushion which he occupies with a

satisfying sense of well-being. Even as Raphael pays homage to Leonardo's precedent, he offers his own impeccably judged corrective. No wonder he was sum-moned to Rome by Pope Julius II soon after the completion of the

Alnwick picture. Raphael had already displayed exceptional talents, and the astonishing reemergence of the Madonna with the Pinks allows us to savour his mastery at its irresistible best. Raphael's painting is on view at the National Gallery (071-839 3321) from Wednesday to March 29.

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7 ith its usual plain-spoken nonconformist tidymindedness, the Consumers Association wants to abolish service charges. But even they dare not go to the extreme and condemn tipping. Consumers, admits the report, need "the option to tip in appreciation of exceptional service".

And never mind their needs: think about the waiter's. It is unfortunate that all the arguments about tipping seem to come from customers. We rarely hear from those who rake in the gratuities. possibly because none of them are journalists. Nobody tips journalists. More's the pity: it would lighten one's day considerably if a grateful editor were to wink lasciviously and tuck a tenner down one's cleavage.

In the old free-spending days, of course, some travelling journalists used to take the responsibility of tipping themselves, noting the sum down on the expenses as "Sundries" or "Hire of camel": but it can never have been the same. A tip is a joyful bonus, a fillip, a small adventure. I have been a waitress and a barmaid and a tourist guide, and I know about these

Of course, what I say is heresy to

the politically correct modern

liberal. As a well-organised wage slave himself he considers tipping to be awfully demeaning and embarrassing. He goes through agonies of fear that he is patronising the waiter or taxidriver. He gives to charity and campaigns for national minimum wages and wants to pay more tax, but he frets terribly about the random, personal, unstructured

world of tipping. People who do it openly and handsomely and with a conspiratorial wink are of quite a different type: business buccaneers, rascals, wide boys. The message they convey, as you tuck their fiver into your apron pocket with an answering grin, is: "I've had a bit of luck today, now here's yours." The worried liberal, meanwhile, is sorting through his change-purse trying to calculate a precise 12.5 per cent and muttering: "If they

paid these people properly there'd be no need for this." But he is wrong. What the buccaneer knows and he does not is that in a dreary daily job. what lifts the spirit is a bit of unpredict-

ability. An adventure. When I was dragging tourists round Oxford or pulling pints for a basic wage, it was not only profitable but a source of endless interest and entertainment to be WORKING LIFE Libby Purves on the joy of the gratuity



able to say "Had a good day, thank God for Texans!" or "Beat the average this week, thanks to that drunk judge from Dublin!". Nor was it all down to sheer luck: I had a good trick with flying beermars which sometimes earned me the price of four or five "haveone-yourself-darling" drinks (a barmaid, as you know, keeps a glass of soda-water always at the ready to raise courteously to the

gent who thinks he has bought her

a gin).
Nobody likes the idea of relying on tips for a living wage: but if a decent minimum comes from one's employer, there is no doubt that they improve the day. Taxi-drivers heartily agree. "Gives you an interest," said one. And they wistfully remember the days of the City Big Bang, when the new breed of barrow-boy dealers felt seriously rich and expressed their

exuberance with folding money. Those dealers, of course, were on a similar exhilarating roller-coaster themselves. They would win massive commissions one day and nothing the next, which made them kindred spirits of those whom they tipped. A lot of us are:

we may wear white collars, but the same primitive needs drive us. We all came out of the jungle, and although a few have managed to bury the hunting instinct under a mound of monthly budget accounts and automatic salary increments, others still feel a powerful drive to stalk their prey, pounce, gorge and then starve until the next kill because that is the way life is. At the extreme, we go freelance. More moderate spirits stick with a salaried job for safety, but revel in tips and bonuses and commissions and windfalls.

Everywhere you look you find echoes of the jungle and the souk. Eighteenth century naval captains supplemented their pay by capturing the occasional French ship: modern MPs capture directorships and lecture tours. Fleet Street sages twinkle when invited onto The News Quiz, not only for the chance to show off but because it seems quite fun to be, as it were, tipped 60 quid. A senior BBC editor used to bring eggs into the office from his smallholding and sell them across his desk, counting

the pennies with glee. Middle-aged secretaries go home to a more vivid life of secret buccaneering enterprise, selling soft toys or Tupperware: even if they do it for charity the same buzz is present. Anyone who has ever watched a Mother Teresa bazaar committee counting the take will know how gleeful they are, how competitive and critical. And anyone who watched the Queen last Thursday night saw how chuffed

she was to win £16 at the races. And after all, who was it who outlawed the rakish pursuits of tipping and private trading? The old communist bloc, where every other flowering of the human spirit was stamped upon, too. Go on, tip the man. And for God's sake try to wink.

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THE MAKING OF ENGLAND: The Anglo-Sexons do not in general have great reputation as ext-lovers and ar makers. On this evidence they should clearly be upgraced. The golden age of Anglo-Sexon art lested from the introduction of Christianity in 597 to

the death of King Afred in 859, and gave birth to some of the greatest mesterplease in the collections of the British Museum and the British Library. rate on this show. No present, the Lindisferne Gospels, the only manuscript of Beowulf, the Alfred al and the York Halmet. British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (071-636 1555). Mon-Set, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.30-6pm, until Mar 8.

BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Benedict Mason, whose recent The Lighthouses of England and Wales It available on an enterprising College Classes CD aingle, has composed a Concerto for the whole viola section usually the most reficent players in to retheater. The first horizonance in the confirmation in t orchestra. The first performance is given tonight by the BBC Symphony given tonight by the sec-Orchostra under Lother Zegrosek, Orchostra under Lother Zegrosek,

ONE OVER THE EIGHT: Well received at its premiare in Scarborough test month, Peter Robert Scott's new conedy visits Brighton. The story concerns the rowing eight of a small received in the story to the story concerns the rowing eight of a small received in the story. provincial university who challenge the Oxford third crew, driven by the punishing discipline of their lemile cox (excellently played by Sesids
Wicknem, heroins of BSC's Clarissa).
Alan Aycitbourn's direction hapires a
gallery of highly inclividual
partermances from a cast including Jo

ANGELS IN AMERICA: Stro an ANGELS IN AMERICA'S String performances in Tony Kushner's longist but vigorous drama: Aids, religion, politics, everything. National (cottenios), South Berlik, SE1 (071-828 2252), Tonght, Iomorrow, 7 30pm, 210mins.

Z BECKET: Riveting performences from Derek Jecobi and Robert Lindsay In Anguilh's play on the relationship between Thomas & Becket and Henry II. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Set, 7.30pm, meta Wed,

IT THE CARINET MINISTER: Derek L) THE CASINE? MINISTER: Derek Minimo end Meurier Lipmen in a snob-blah, lengely unfusiny Pinero comedy. Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115), Mon-Sat. 7.45pm, mats Wed, Set, 3pm. 150mlne.

THE COTTON CLUB: An impression of the Hartern nightspot-high on energy, low on story treshnees. Altonych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7-30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2-30pm, Sat, 4pm, 150mins.

C) DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play, set in 1930s Donegal. Garrick, Charing Cross Roed, WC2 (071-494-508b). Mon-Set, Spra, mats Thurs, 3pm, Set, 4pm, 150mins.

 AM EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER: Sometimes droff look at the fantasies of a women married to a Buchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075). Mon-Thura, 8pm, Fri, Se2, 8pm and 8.45pm. 130mine.

FAITH HEALER: Stirring performences in Brian Frial's early play (four monologues) exploring a healer's doubts and sporadle powers.
Royal Court, Stoane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Set, Som, mat Set,

— rec sectal CONCERT: Surry Foster is obsessed with making an Irish millionaline (Tony Doyle) into the new Gigil in Torn Murphy's powerful fable. Atmatida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 160mins. ZI THE GIGLI CONCERT: Butto

NEW RELEASES DEATH IN BRUNSWICK (15): Sent Neitl as an ageing mother's boy sucked into love, violence and accidental murder, Testly black comedy from new Australian director John Ruene, Carnon Tottenham Court Road (071-836 6148) Metro (071-437 0757).

 FOR THE BOYS (15): Song-and-dance team entertain troops in three were, only to be ruined by a synthetic script. With Betta Micler, James Casn; director, Mark Rydell, Camden Parlovay (071-287 7034) Odeons: Kensington (0428 914986) West End (0426 915574) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

THE PLEASURE PRINCIPLE (18): THE PLEASURE PRINCIPLE (18): Tangled affairs of a philandering journalust (Peter Firth). Flewed comedy that seems left over from the Swinging Striles; write-director David Cohen. Cannons: Futhern Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-836 0310) Piccadilly (071-437 3561).

URGA (PG): Nikita Mikhalkov's

Orien (Po); rearm neutrance's meannering film about civilization encreaching on the Mongolian steppes. The top prizawinner at last year's Venice Film Featival.

Curzon Meyteir (07)—465 8565). LES VALSEUSES (18): Gerard
Dependieu and Patrick Dewarre in 1974,
as two lads with title trands. Timely
revived of Bertrand Biler's ferocious,
amoral, snook-cocking 1974 fortip.
Cannon Placadity (971-437 3561).

CURRENT THE ADDAMS FAMILY (PG): Testy feast of black humour, inspired by the 1960s TV spin-off from Charles Addems's macabre certoons. Starring Rauf Jusie, Anjelica Huston.
Christopher Lloyd; director, Berry Special Starring

casus uses, Anjelica Huston, Christopher Lloyd; director, Berry Someofield. Campon Christea (071-352 5096) MGM Trocsdero (071-434 0031) Oddon Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeone: Kensington (0426 914686) Mezzanine (0426 915683).

BLACK ROBE (15): Seventeenth century Jesuit (Lotheire Bikiteau) Irles to convert inclaire in northern Gedec. Intelligent epic from Brian Moore's novel. Director, Bruce Berestord. MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Pleza (071-497 9999).

♦ BLAME IT ON THE BELLBOY (12):

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment complied by Kari Knight

Stone-Fewings, Gary Whitaker, John Robinson, Jonathan Ceke. Recommended. Theatre Floyal, New Road, Brighton (0273 28488), 7.45pm.

MY FAIR LADY: Actor/director Simon Callow, recent winner of an Evening Standard "best musical" award for his Old Vic production of Carmen Janes, on we produce on a company some, directs a new Pole Jones production of My Fair Lady, Edward Fox plays the "Rest Harrison" role of Professor Higgins, and Heien Hobiston is cast as Eliza Doolitte. The musical, with book Eizz Doortte, The musical, with color and lyrice by Alen Jay Lerner, and musi by Frederick Loewe, begins a seven-month lout at Menchester. Oxfos in Birmingham, Cardiff, Liverpool and Oxford to follow. Opera House, Oxfoy Street, Menchester (051-239 9822).

JAMES MOODY: Mutti-assophonist and flastifit Jumes Moody begins a week-long residency at Ronnie's. Moody was a member of the Dizzy Gillespie Sig Band (1984-48) and has also recorded with trumpeter Howard McGhee and vibraphonist Mit Jackson. In 1948 he made his recording debut as a leader, James Moody and his Bop Men, and he has also enjoyed a highly successful jook pareer. The highly successful solo career. The increasingly popular British singer, Judith Owen, supports. Ronnie Scott's, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (071-439 0747), 8.30pm.

Jeremy Kingston's ass House full, returns only Z Some seate available ☐ Seats at all prices

☑ GOOD ROCKIN' TONITE
Satisfying musical celebrating Fifties
and States pop classics. Great stuff.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-240 0300)
Mon-Thurs, Spm., Fri, Sal, 5.30pm and
8.30pm. 215mins.

A NIGHT IN TUNISIA: Limp and IZI A NIGHT IN TUNISIA: Limp and termites weapy where a crippled sacrain remembers his youth as a Bebop hopeful. Theatre Royal Stratford East, Geny Raifles Square, E15 (081-634 0310). Mon-Sat, 8pm, 135mins,

C PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Gleatul version of the old thriller: tunes by Offenbach, Verdi and Weber but not Lloyd Webber.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue,
WC2 (071-379 5336), Mon-Fri, 7.30pm,
Sat, 8.30pm, mate Thurs, Sprin, Sat,
Spm. 150mins.

THE RIDE DOWN MT MORGAN: Arthur Miller's disappointingly one-sided play where Torn Conti argues the case for bigerny. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-857 1116), Mon-Sal. 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat. 2.30pm. 150m/ns. Final week.

THE SEA: Judi Denoh splendid as the village grande-dame in Edward Sond's comedy of rage and mediness. National (sytheton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm, mat Wed, 2.15pm, 145mins.

☐ SOPHISTICATED LADIES: Twelve singer-dancers which through the music of Duke Ellington. Obvioue routines cannot diagues the true rueful Duke. Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071494 5065). Mon-Fri, Bpm, Sat, 8.30pm, mate Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

CINEMA GUIDE films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

Impersonal, mechine-tooled, old-fashioned farce. With Dudley Moore, Richard Griffiths, Patry Kenalt. Writer-director, Mark Herman. Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons Kansington (0426 91-686) West End (0426 915574) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

BOUDU SAVED FROM DROWNING CULIU SAVED FROM DROWNING (PG): Welcome revival of Jean Renolr's asserbite pastorale (1932), with Michel Simon as the unregenerate tramp clasped to the burgeois becom. Plus Jean Vigo's aureal view of school days, Zéro de conduits (U).

Renolr (071-837 8402).

▲ COUPE DE VILLE (12): Three ♦ COUPE DE VILLE (12): Three wering brothers travel cross-country a 1954 Castiflac. Breezy bland of road movie, male-bonding comedy, and 1960s nostigge. With Patrick Dempsey, Arys Grose, Daniel Stern; director, Joe Roth.

Cannors: Fulham Road (071-970 2638) Parnton Street (071-930 0631).

DELICATESSEN (15): French video whizzidds Jeunet and Cero's wonderfully bizarre fentesy about a houseful of issense living above a cannibellatic butcher, With Dominiqu Pinon, Marie-Laure Dougnet.
Cannons: Chelsee (071-382 5069)
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Gate (071-727 4043) Metro (071-437
0757) Screen on the Hill (071-435

 DOUBLE IMPACT (18): Jean-Claude Van Oarrens, the "immedes from Brussets", as two twin brothers righting wongs in Hong Kong, Lame action movie. Director, Sheldon Lemch. Odeon Marbie Arch (0428 914501)

 FRANKIE AND JOHNNY (15):
Short-order cook (Al Packe) courts a-wary waitness (Michelle Pfaiffer).
Synthetic adaptation of Terrance Synthetic edeptation of Terrand McNally's play. Director, Garry Marshalt.

company moves to bean this week presenting two mixed probratimes of works including the group's latest acquisition dencer Mark Bellowin's first work, bissen to intend, previously by the company last Novamber, and a revival of Wildlife, the 1854 work by artistic climates (Schard Abstra. notable for director Richard Alaton, notable for Richard Smith's spectacular set design of huge, descending, revolving kites, Theatre Royal, Savolose, Bath (0225 448844), 7.30pm.

SELF PORTRAIT: Berbere Marten playe Gwen John, sister to Augustus and lover of Rodin, under the direction of Annie Castledine. Opening night. Crange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (051-940 3633), 7.45pm.

THE CUTTING: The account of a women strick durit efter switering is mother; Sidn Thomes and Peol Freeman in a first pley by Misuren O'Brien, Opening night.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, London W12 (0b1-743 3388), 7pm.

guesting with the Paul Shorth Africa tour, the group begins a 10-date February tour promoting the release of

a new single. Octogon, Western Benk, Stieffield (0742 758300), 7.80pm.

LES LIAISONS DAMOEREUSES: The Royal Shuksuphare Company in a touring production of Christopher hampton's celebrated adaptation of the Leclos novel about the soxual power

games of the Parisian aristocracy in pre-Revolutionary France, Stephen Dobbin directs; sumptions 18th-century

directs; sumptions 18th-century designs by Bob Crowley. Arts Theetre, St Edward's Passage, Cambridge (0223 352000), 8pm.

RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY: The

company moves to Bath this wisk

INSPIRAL CARPETS: Fresh from

Li A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two planists in Resible tributs to Cote Porter's wit and why melodies. Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-896 9987), Mon-Fri, Sprn, Sat, 8-30pm, male .,, врт. Set, 8.30pm, mai d, 2.30pm, Set, 5.30pm, 140mins. ET TALKING HEADS: Patricia Routledge and Alan Bennett excellent three of his monologues charting the unconeclous humour and pain of

desolate lives. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, Spm. mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

P. A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES SROTHERS: Lively periode of tuneful cides. Good fun. Whitehall, Whifehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.16pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm, 120mins.

WIND IN THE WILLOWS: Return of last year's hit version by Alan Bennett: witty and wonderful. National (Otivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7-15pm,

(071-628 2252), Tonight-Thurs, 7-15pm.

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HORS LA VIE (15): Meeterly account of a French hostage is life in the turmoil of Beirut. Starring Hippolyte Girardot; director, Meroun Begdied. Cannon Tottenham Court Floed (071-336 8148) Screen on Beiser Street

JFK (15): Ofiver Stone is contentious, electrifying, three-hour drams about the Kennedy assassingtion, Kevin Coutner as crussding D.A. Jirk Gérrison; a bust

supporting cast.
Barbican (071-538 8991) Camden
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Fullman Road (071-570 2659) Engine
(071-497 9999) Notting Hill Cornell
(071-77 6705) MGM Trocadero (071-LIPE IS SWEET (15): Mike Leight's droit, fercical, award-winning comedy about a North London family a ope and downs. Starring Alson Steadman. Premiers (071-439 4470).

LITTLE MAN TATE (PG): How and how not to reer a child prodigy. An engaging young player (Adem Hann-Byrd) and sensible direction (Jodia Foster) easily offset the facilis

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Kansington (0425 914665) Whiteleys (071-792 3332). MA NUIT CHEZ MALID (12): Eric MA NOT CITES MALLS (12) ETC. Rohmer's serious but seductive most tale, mede in 1969. With Jean-Louis Trintignent, Françoise Fabian; plus-much withy talk about philosophy. Remoir (971-637 8402).

AMATADOR (18): Murder, high litehion, end enti-Catholic libes from the injuritable Petico Almodover; made in 1988. With Assumpts Sems and Nacho Martinez as a chic lawyer and builfighter obsessed with love and deeth, Carmon Panton Street (071-630

RUFF-RAFF (15): Welcome return of Ken Loach's mervellous, scruffy "alice of lis" portrait of a building-site cries; voted "European Film of the Year". Premiere (071-438 4470).

Daydreams and kookie humour

Me and Mamie O'Rourke

Palace, Watford

WATFORD has a winner. Opening a brave season of new works, the first stage play by the American Mary Agnes Donoghue is a total charmer. The author of such successful screenplays as Beaches with Bette Midler nixes kookie humour and gentle throwaway - much of it apparently too gentle for the stolidly unresponsive burghers of Watford in the audience - with the literateness and wryness of the superior American comic writing we know from tele-vision: warm-hearted but not cozy, touching but not sentimental. Light in style, the play acknowledges serious themes: friendship, honesty, the bonderline between lies and dreams. Yet it remains very funny.

The open-plan stairway winding down to the laundry room of Alexandra Byrne's set, complete with juddering washing machine, is literal, not stylised. David, a failed architect, or, as he prefers to put it, "revolu-tionary, visionary, unique" — has knocked down nearly all the walls in the house. His vision consists of building pods for living in while his wife Louise longs for walls and doors He nostalgically recalls living in a warehouse where "every day was an adventure*

As in Alan Ayckbourn's Woman in Mind, Louise is haunted by and idealised lover. An old boyfriend appears to her in polo gear or diriner acket, a surgeon's white coat or fighter pilot's uniform, to utter the phrases of romantic fiction. The fourth, if sporadic, member of the



Friendship: Diana Hardcastle as Louise and Patti Love as Bibi, subtly different in their dottiness

menage is Bibi, a cook who aspires to be an animal behaviourist like David Attenborough, despite her complete unsuitability in education and training Louise's ambition is to design relegant bullet-proof vests, a "truly thic off-the-rack paramilitary line".

The relationship between the two women is beautifully portrayed, not least when they wonder about a possible homosexual element teach slightly offended by the other's vehement denial). An increasingly alco-

holic experimental session is delicately hilarious. This, one suspects, is what Coward secretly meant in the drunk scene in Fallen Angels. There are some defects, however, The husband, for instance, is initially too much the hatchet-faced tyrant, giving no feeling of the couple's original relationship (he comes rather movingly to life later). Robert Chetwyn's naturalistic direction

needs more pointing and high style in

what is often non-naturalistic writing,

and certainly less clurnsy blocking on the crowded set.

But the performances are treasures, starting with the excellent Ron Beriglas as the odious David. The women, subtly different in their dottiness, are Patti Love, bubbling and vulnerable as Bibi, and Diana Hardcastle, with a lovely brand of wistful eccentricity as Louise. The play will surely come to the West End.

MARTIN HOYLE

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Virtuoso athletics

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PREMIERED in Yeovil last October. and now in the midst of an Arts Council Contemporary Music Network Tour, Dominic Muldowney's Percussion Concerto, subtitled "Fig-ure in a Landscape", is visually spectacular and aurally arresting. Composed for Evelyn Glennie, the marvellotisly assured soloist on this occasion, this showpiece demands sheer physical athleticism as well as virtuosity, because the soloist has to cope with four spatially separated groups of instruments — all kinds of drums, marimbas and vibraphone, and suspended cymbals of various kinds — and generally plays fast and without much pause for breath.

With Muldowney's sometimes Elliott Carter-like rhythmic proportions. Glennie needed to grasp some complex mental arithmetic too. Soloist and conductor (in this case the

AFTER the anguished evasions of the

film Victim, seen again on television the other night, this latest Screen Two

offering was certainly to the point.

There was never the least doubt about

what it was that Brian Cox was

repressing, nor any ambiguity about what Angus MacFadyen, playing his son, was doing. When Nigel Finch's film is shown in America, boxer

shorts will apparently camouflage the nether bits. Here, le-vice anglais was

allowed to flail away in a sometimes

shadowy but still pretty candid sort of

The thinking was evident enough.

How could one preach sexual hon-

esty, as Sean Mathias's adaptation of

David Leavitt's novel did, and apolo-

getically fudge the barer facts? In any

case, the gay world was not exactly idealised. The university teacher: played by Cox was first seen slipping

into a tatty porn cinema, there to be propositioned by a flummoxed-look-

ing gent with a moustache. Soon

afterwards, MacFadyen was taking

his sulky American lover to a gaudy pub full of scrubbed-looking men

sporting black leather and silver studs

composer) are responsible for establishing two different sets of tempos simultaneously, and each half of the symmetrically divided orchestra follows one or the other. In this way a palpable tension is estab-lished within an outwardly convulsive static language. The piece's rigour is softened by an intuitive and colourful rhetoric — at one stage Muldowney cannot resist breaking into a jazz riff — but there remains a suspicion that this is a game without

Plenty of soul was poured into James MacMillan's Tryst, composed in memory of his grandmother for the Scottish Chamber Orchestra in 1989. There were also plenty of notes, a few too many in fact, though this composer's extraordinarily intuitive way of expressing himself in sound remains thoroughly, mystically beguiling. Varied, arresting, clearly imagined tex-tures abound, and while MacMillan. is refreshingly unafraid of the simple and (sometimes) obvious, he is equally liable to surprise the listener at every corner (he signals these clearly too) with new, emotionally highly charged beauties. Tamás Vásáry directed a secure, carefully fashioned and well from the Ri mouth Sinfonietta, who also relished the challenge of the Muldowney.

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PERHAPS it is unfair to go on thinking of this group as the baby Kronos — the "Zeus Quartet". I suppose they would have to be, though they hardly have the look of father-slayers. This is the problem. The irregular dress, the amplification and the choice of repertory all point in the same direction, but the Smiths do not yet have the technical sureness. the drive and the personality of the American learn who first made the string quartet sexy.

They have not been too lucky, either, in the music written for them. Two pieces introduced on Thursday night, Martin Butler's American Dreams and Steve Martland's Crossing the Border, both set the quartet on a route through a wider musical network on tape. Both of them thereby evoked one of the Kronos Quarter's great success stories: Steve

music as well as the performance style seemed to be all echo.

Given also the hideous, Wurlitzerlike wheeziness of the Butler tape and the brutish repetitive nature of the Martland, this was not a happy evening. But it did have one burst of light in Stephen Montague's quartet. a fierce, dramatic and moving elegy for two composer friends: Barry Anderson and Tomasz Sikorski. Montague notes that both of them died when they seemed on the edge of their best work; perhaps this quartet

finds him in the same position. Its means, its statements and its formal drill are all simple, but incisively so, drawn to make a mark. Essentially it is one big arch, beginning with toneless sighs on the strings against similar wind-like noises of emptiness on the tape, rising to strident, fast, dynamic protests, and then falling back to end with a telling theatrical gesture, where the three musicians who are able to stand up and carry on playing do so, turn as if to leave the platform, but do not go.

One hopes for more such passion as this Park Lane Group series proceeds. Tonight it is the turn of the Bingham Quartet, with a promising pro-Maconchy and staple Haydn and Shostakovich.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

The bare facts of life

The Lost Language of Cranes BBC 2

- and, perhaps parily as a con-sequence, being disched by him. The boy clearly lived an unsettled life, and yet (this was the point) he was happier in his occasional unhappinesses than his dad ever was in his comfortable closet. What an actor Brian Cox is! That pocked face, with its squashed-back nose, looks as if it belongs to a heavyweight boxer, but there is something about it which suggests that the injuries it has received are not the obvious, superficial ones. It has spent 12 rounds painfully slugging it out with some demon within: precisely the reason a seemingly improbable piece of casting was so well judged.

Yet sermons on touchy subjects seldom come without a little special pleading; and this was to be found in the treatment of Cox's wife, finely played though she was by Eileen Atkins. The film seemed tacitly to be suggesting two pretty damaging things about her. First, that her English reserve and belief in privacy ("keeping certain secrets secret is important to the general balance of life") were part of the problem. perhaps even a reason for her husband's silent misery. Second, that she didn't care enough to count very

strongly in the emotional equation.

This rather chilling wife managed to be positively frosty when her son girded himself to break the news of his proclivities — "I consider this a tragedy" — and was not all that shattered by the discovery that, as she said, "the whole premise of our marriage was a lie". In any case, the convenient appearance of an old friend with a sick wife — "How's Nadia?", "No problem since her last operation" -- looked likely to take care of her future, at least as far as the sleeping arrangements were concerned. In other words, the film was less sensitive about heterosexuality than, to its credit, it unfailingly was

about homosexuality.

Why the title? Well may you ask. The film opened with some weirdly beautiful shots of cranes, the steeland-wire variety. They rose, fell, swivelled, unbent, while behind a tower-block window a small boy could be glimpsed imitating them. As we later learned, he had been kept in isolation by his parents and had taught himself this private arm language by way of compensation.

This is what is known in the critical

trade as a symbol, though it was not entirely clear what it was supposed to suggest about the gay life. That some homosexuals distort themselves by going through the mechanical rituals of an alien world? Or that what is selfexpression for them seems odd and outre to outsiders? Or, maybe, both.

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Tale of the long distance actor

The resilient Tom Courtenay is on the road again, touring Britain in Molière's The Miser. He talks to Peter Barnard

agent must be a labour of love. Here is a man who, in the mid-1960s, had the world at his feet. The tremendous critical (though not commercial) success of The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner in 1962, when he was 25, was followed by Billy Liar and brought him to the attention of Hollywood, for which he made King Rat and Dr Zhivago. He had become, in that awful, later word, "bankable".

The swimming pool and the gold chains beckoned. This was the era of the emerging Caine and Finney, fellow products of a brief renaissance in that now-you-see-it medium, the British film industry.

Courtenay came home to England, having turned down the Mirisch brothers. Not a lot of people, as Caine might have said, did that Mirisch wanted Courtenay to make a film called Hawaii, for which one or two slightly impressive names had al-ready been assembled: Julie Andrews, Gene Hackman, Richard Harris. But Courtenay was in Hollywood for King Rat and had to go to Spain for Zhivago and, well. he missed England more than he fancied Hawaii.

They offered me a huge amount of money," he says now "Mainly because I kept saying no and they kept putting the money up. I just didn't want to be this wretched little priest who went off to Hawaii to stop the natives enjoying themselves. I was homesick anyway and I wanted to get back to square one. My start was so meteoric that I hadn't got things sorted out. If you want a long career you have to work in the theatre, so that's what I did. I've never regretted it."

So Max Von Sydow got the job of converting the Hawaiians. Although Courtenay has, of course, done films since, and done some television, he became essentially an actor of the English theatre. At present he is on tour with Molière's The Miser, a play he loves by a

writer he adores.

Courtenay will be 55 later this month. But despite the hair grown lank to accommodate the pinnings for his part in The Miser, and the face still carries the memory of that moment at the end of Runner when

the rebellious Borstal boy, seemingly subdued by the establishment and taught to run for its greater glory, stops dead short of the

winning tape and refuses to move. Thirty years on, the hint of rebellion seems to live in the man as it did in the character. He talks in flattish Hull vowels with a mild forcefulness: one senses the steely determination that took him from the unpromising environment of Hull docks and a family of fishing folk (he remembers embryonic nets. strung all over the living room) to University College and the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art.

He had acquired the taste for acting at grammar school, where he did play readings and read the lesson in assembly. Girls would point him out and say, "That's Tom Courtenay, he reads the lesson". In the 1950s this was less risible than it might be thought now. Courtenay liked it, as he liked the wider fame later. "I was shy but fame meant that shyness didn't matter: I was male and not homosexual so of course there were the

is parents wanted him. to go to University College. "So did I, but not for the same reason. My reason was that the university was in the same street as RADA and so I could stand on the pavement watching the RADA students, seeing how they walked. Learn things. I was in the dramatic society at university and somebody there knew somebody at RADA and they assured me that I could get in. So I did, and dropped the university course. It was all very

So was the next step. Courtenay made his acting debut at the Edinburgh Festival in 1960, in Chekhov's The Seagull. "Penelope Gilliatt, who was then married to John Osborne, was reviewing it for Queen magazine and John Osborne saw it with her. They knew Tony Richardson was looking for somebody for The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner and they told him 'look no further'. It was a wonderful break."

That was a peak but there have years ago, after a spell of the wrong offers and not enough offers,

Courtenay almost gave up acting altogether. Now, though, he feels "rejuvenated" and is anxious to make some contribution to the continuance of theatre. "I'm finally interested again; a bit of filming wouldn't go amiss, but it's the theatre that absorbs me."

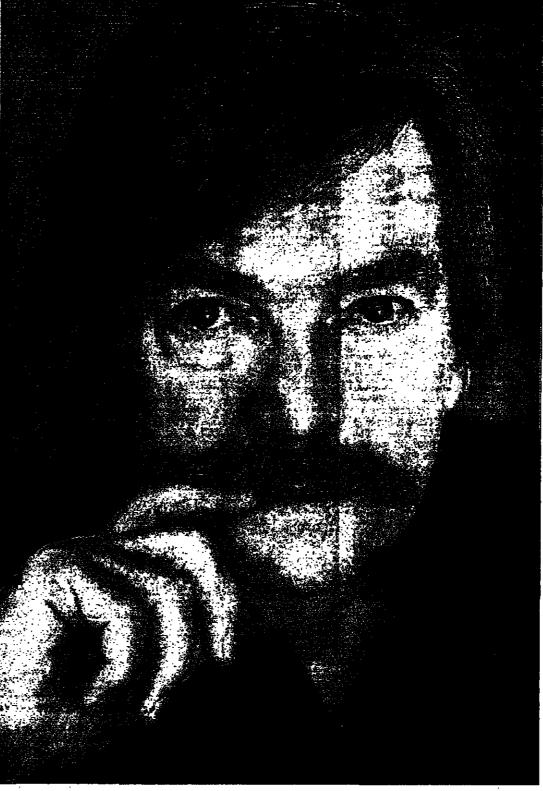
Courtenay says that part of the problem he and other English actors had, as regards crossover between theatre and film, is that Britain and America share the same language, which means that America, being altogether richer, dominates film. "If I had made the equivalent of Long Distance Runner and Billy Liar in Italy, say, or France, I would have been a movie star. But the English actor had to go to Hollywood. If you were Michael Caine, that is what you wanted to do. But not what I wanted to do: I was more interested

The right theatres, too. Courtenay has a great fondness for the Manchester Royal Exchange, where this production of The Miser originated, and he is convinced that if the theatre is to continue at all, it has to get the buildings right: there are, he says, good proscenium theatres, but in general theatre must be in the round.

"Television has made people accustomed to seeing performances in a certain way and it's right that they should. But so many theatres have got it wrong; they are built by committees or by the state. Too few directors take an interest in the design. Most of them seem to be after the 'top job', regardless of whether the setting for the top job, the theatre, is useless.

"There are places in London that are heartbreaking, from the point of view of a theatre being an expression of human contact. If it's not, well, what's the point of it? So many buildings are in areas of cultural edifices that seem to have been built under a Stalinist regime: I'll say no more than that

"All of a sudden I understand a lot of the disillusion I've felt with the theatre in London. Wonderful productions and talented people— but what buildings! My God." Courtenay prefers to avoid "specifics" but if his remark is taken as a reference to the National I doubt ance but turned down the television that he would protest too much.



The rejuvenated Courtenay: "I'm finally interested again, and it's the theatre that absorbs me."

atres, of course, is that architects designed them. "Would they ask an architect to design a plane? No. It might look beautiful but will it fly, vill it do its job?"

None of which should be taken to suggest bitterness. Courtenay is a man of few regrets and fewer complaints. He knows that turning down things reduces the number of things offered. He did some radio commercials for Swinton Insurversion: "a bit of a blow for my The trouble with so many the agent". Well, quite. "I couldn't have

and announces his imminent

departure for Siberia. Once neighbours give the brave lad

room and furniture get snapped up, he lacks the fibre to call off the joke. So depart

he must in a bus trundling

Dostal sels the provincial

scene with some dazzling

high-flying camerawork. But the film's main expressive tool

is its star actor, Andrei Zhigalov, graced with the

puckish face of a music-hall

comedian. Dostal obviously intends his anecdote as a

broad comment on Soviet

society; the film's bounce, however, derives less from its llegory than its gentle obser-

vation of human behaviour.

Contre l'oubli, made by Am-

God-knows-where.

looked at myself, I'd be mortified. Which is not to deprecate actors who do television commercials. It's just that I can't."

What are Courtenay's remaining ambitions? I regret the word as soon as it is uttered: too pompous for this man. "I'm looking forward to getting rid of this cold. I'm looking forward to Dartington because there's no midweek matinee and we [he and his wife] have rented a place and it's got a wood-burning stove. We have one at our home in the Lake District. There

are two parts to my life: the part before I had a stove and the part since having a stove."

Slightly more seriously, there is also a possible Allan Plater project for television, a possible film, and the possibility that The Miser will get a London run. Actors are content with the possible, often as close as they come to certainty.

This week The Miser is at the Civic then it tours Edinburgh, Chichester, Croydon, Richmond, Birmingham, Guildford, Cambridge and Sheffield.

ARTS BRIEF

Books in the sand

TOMORROW, with the launch of the Friends of the Alexandria Library, international fund-raising begins for the library to be built on the site of the most famous in antiquity. The ancient library of Alexandria was the centre of Western scholarship for nearly a thousand years, until its demise in AD 642. The new library, which will specialise in ancient cultures and the study of early Christian and Islam history, will open in 1996 and is expected to have four million volumes by the end of the century.

Over a third of its estimated \$160 million (£88 million) cost has already been raised: now the Egyptian govern-ment and Unesco (which judged 1,200 architectural proposals before selecting a Norwegian design) are starting a worldwide appeal. Tomorrow's launch, at the Naval and Military Club in London, is hosted by Dr Mohamed Shaker, the Egyptian ambassador, and Lord

Vice and virtue ONE highlight of this summer's Aldeburgh Festival (June 11-28) will be the world premiere of a new opera by John Tavener, the English composer much influenced by Orthodox Christianity. Mary of Egypt will have a text by the abbess of a Greek Orthodox monastery in Yorkshire, and is said to be about "the paradoxical mystery of virtue and vice in the person of priest, monk and harlor". Stravinsky's The Rake's Progress and Britten's version of John Gay's Beggar's Opera will also be heard in concert performances, and a recital by Sviatoslav Richter. the great Russian planist, is

Last chance...

FOUR long monologues, cumulatively describing the life and death of a modern shaman, might not seem the most arresting prospect. But the author of Faith Healer is Brian Friel, and the main actors are Donal McCann and Sinead Cusack, who could read the Dictionary of National Biography and make it dramatic. Last performance of a revival that punishes the bottom but reday at the Royal Court (071-730 1745).

Trigger sends his regrets

Bizarre images haunted the 21st Rotterdam Film Festival: a child aged ten, driving a Mustang car through a wonderland of American eccentrics in Barry Shils's silly Motorama; a lascivious, bald android tottering through Pinocchio 964, Japan's latest shock-horror. But none could top Roy Rogers, singing hero of a thousand B-Westerns, and his wife and co-star Dale Evans, who appeared in an amiable Dutch documentary, Roy Rogers, King of the Cowboys. Dressed in colours that scorched the eyes, they looked as though they were on loan from Madame Tussaud's.

"Hey, thank you for the cheese!" Dale burbled, as she met her worshipful director. Thys Ockersen, at the Roy Rogers museum in California. Neither star, nor the colleagues and fans encountered en route, were tested very hard by Ockersen's questions, though by turning back the clock to the age of innocence the film proved valuable enough. A pity Ockersen could not have interviewed Trigger, "the smartest horse in the movies", who conveyed the hero at speeds reaching 50 mph and now stands in the museum, stuffed, rearing up on his hind legs. "When I die." Roy has told Dale, "just

put me on Trigger."
So much for light relief. This friendly festival, under its new director Emile Fallaux, wasted no time buckling down to the usual business of celebrating the adventurous, and spotlighting fresh talent. The new man to watch is Takeshi Kitano. a popular Japanese actor (featured prominently in Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence). who has now turned director. with intriguing results. Three films were on view. The first two. Violent Cop and Boiling Point, made a point of blood and bullets, though the latter, at least, dressed the violence

in laconic wit. With his third feature, A Scene at the Sea, completed last year. Kitano came of age. His storyline is wafer-thin: a deaf refuse-collector finds a surfboard and struggles successfully to ride the waves. Each shot is timed and

Ageing cowboys and artistic oppression: Geoff Brown on the varied delights on offer at the Rotterdam Film Festival



Wax? Roy Rogers, Dale Evans in King of the Cowboys

framed with a jeweller's precision. Yet Kitano rarefies the atmosphere without swimming outside Japan's mainstream. Hypnotic, lyrical. bathed in humanism, A Scene at the Sea brings fresh air to a national cinema that can often appear stale or Elsewhere, audiences suc-

cumbed to Maurice Tourneur's 1920 The Last of the Mohicans, screened in a tinted print restored by the Netherlands Film Museum. "What!" a title card thunders. "a daughter of Colonel Munro. admiring a filthy savager"
Plot preliminaries over, the film settles down to prove yet again the silent cinema's unique gift for visual storytelling. Adrian Johnston rampaging, swooning and tootling on synthesizer, flute, and percussion - provided the evocative live accompa-

Soviet films from the Union's last gasp were every-where. Emile Fallaux had many to choose from: 500 emerged last year, mostly produced by the hundreds of independent outfits mushrooming across the continent. The Promised Heavens, from Eldar Ryazanov, a veteran provider of box-office hits. turned the chaos of peres-

troika into broad satire. The

with American money, as a

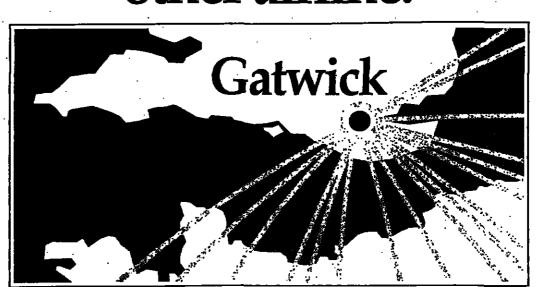
under modern times.

Other delights, piercing the Rotterdam fog, included Kar-wai Wong's Days of Being Wild, an atmospheric, stun-ningly visualised tale of Hong Kong youth in the Sixties, and Marie-Claude Treilhou's Le Jour des rois, an amusing, barbed study of la vie folks back home gave thumbs up to this rowdy tragi-cornedy about the disillusioned souls bourgeoise. inhabiting a Moscow waste-The oddest film in Rotter land (due to be developed. dam may well have been

nesty International and contraceptives factory). For the folks abroad, however, the shown as part of "The Limits film seems best suited as a of Liberty", a festival conferlaboratory specimen of an ence on artists' freedoms and old-fashioned talent buckling their oppression. Thirty directors (mostly French), backed by actors or other notables. ther Soviet directors took four minutes to highgazed into their cryslight an abuse of human tal balls and foretold rights from the Amnesty files. Michel Deville's opening seglast year's August coup. Three ment showed Emmanuelle weeks before Gorbachev's ruined holiday, Sergei Beart writing to North Viet-Snezhkin, a director in his nam's president in support of mid-thirties, completed De-Chi Thien, jailed poet. Alain fector, an unsettling tale Resnais championed a mathabout a television reporter ematics professor in Cuba: Jean-Luc Godard spoke out who receives documents that point the way to a coup for one Thomas Wainggai in d'état. A morose lead perfor-Indonesia. Rene Allio mance by Yuri Kuznersov wagged a finger at Britain for blunts the drama, though a deporting a Sri Lankan.

disturbing portrait remains Nobody should doubt the sincerity of everyone involved. of a society riven by fear and Nonetheless, the film (two Yet the most affecting hours long) cannot help Soviet film brushed aside the crumbling into a star-stud-Moscow coup for a little light ded parade of bleeding hearts. One fears the North allegory, set in some dreary backwater. In Nikolai Do-Vietnamese president will stal's Cloud Heaven, a young never take note. Even Rotterworker idles away a boring dam's good people found the going tough, and drifted off in twos and threes in search of Sunday by getting on his friends nerves. When they complain he never says any-Mohicans, lewd androids,

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Hitler's Winter **Olympics**

In 1936 the nazis wanted to exploit a brilliant young skier for racial propaganda. Kathe Grasegger still lives in the Bavarian Alps and Andy Martin went to meet her

Hitler had

skiers. He

to dinner

first saw Kathe Grasegger in a photograph: she was one of four young women on skis, their arms around each other's shoulders, grinning at the camera, with a mountain and a flagpole flying a swastika in the

She took the silver medal in the women's combined slalom and downhill at the 1936 Winter Olympics. Garmisch-Partenkirchen, in the Bavarian Alps, was the high-altitude forerunner to Berlin's "Nazi Olympics" in the summer of the same year. Before 1936 there were only Garmisch and Partenkirchen: Hitler ordered

the two towns to unite as a symbol of the joining to-gether of nations. It was the first time plans for the the Alpine disciplines of downhill and slalom had been included in invited Kathe the Olympics. The gold medal, in both the men's and and Christl women's races, was won by Ger-

many. Frau Grasegger (she has kept her maiden name) still lives in Partenkirchen ("not Garmisch", she stresses) in a broad, white-washed house. In 1936 she was 18 years old, the youngest member of the team, and milked cows on her parents' farm. Now she is in her seventies, but there is still something of the pig-tailed milkmaid about her. She has white hair, huge blue eyes shadowed by heavy eyebrows and

strong, expressive hands. Her Olympic silver medal and certificate, framed by her brother, hang on the wall in the living room next to one of her 1936 skis, 2.05 metres long and made in Norway.

She learnt to ski 60 years ago thanks to a team-mate, Lisa Resch, who was nine years older. "She was the ideal sportswoman. Her parents had money. Her shop. They had knives and forks to use when we went to dinner," Frau

Grasegger says. She recalls that another of her team-mates. "Guzzi" Lanschner. worked with Leni Riefenstahl on Olympia, her film of the Berlin Olympics. There was a film of the Winter Olympics, too, that used to be shown with Olympia. It was only half an hour long. Would I like to see it?

Frau Grasegger's daughter draws the curtains. The film begins with a call to attention on

the horn and the title - Jungen Der Welt (Youth of the World). The soundtrack is brassy and melodramatic. An aerial shot of a snowscape punctuated by two towns like sultanas poking through the icing on a cake gives way to an image of clouds forming and then blowing away. The mountain beneath shines out like a lighthouse. Eagles wheel around

Great thick scoops of snow drop down. Olympic flags and swas-tikas flutter together from neighbouring poles. Hitler salutes and the German athletes return the salute with rigid arms. Men

march up and down on skis, then go cross-country with rifles slung on their backs. Every now and then they stop to take a shot at something. This is "the military skipatrol event". Frau Grasegger tells me. There is a blast of God Save the Queen. Great

third in the twoman bobsleigh event, Most of the tearns crash at the Bavarian bend. Flying bobsleighs, then wreckage, bodies and laughing faces. The track was improvised from slabs of ice carved out of the frozen lake.

In the figure skating, a German pair is performing. They were Jews, Frau Gräsegger says. "And they won! He was an architect he used to plot all his moves on a board. I can't remember their names. I didn't really know them."

Finally it is the turn of the Abfahrtslauf, the downhill.
For a second or two, the camera holds on Kathe's face as she glides innocently by: she is without goggles; her unmasked features are set in rapt concentration.

"It has changed a lot," she says.
"There was a cable car, but we had to walk a long way up to the start. There were still trees on the course then. You couldn't go straight as you can now. It was technically more difficult. The slalom was perfidious. I remember the Norwegians had better wax than we did and thermometers (the temperature of the snow determined the type of wax used). Everybody waxed his own skis. We wore two pairs of socks and an anorak. The anorak was only invented in 1934.

"Anton Zeloss was a very good coach: he didn't explain, but he



Britain has come



showed. We always had to take our shoulder with us around the curve. The old technique is coming back again. They were good skiers in my time."

Security at the Olympics was very tight: police and soldiers were everywhere. Sir Arnold Lunn, one of the founding fathers of alpine sports, wrote that the Winter Olympics reminded him more of Sparta than of Athens and that the snows of Garmisch were flecked by the shadows of war".

Frau Grasegger saw the German army as an extremely efficient

squad of piste-sweepers Was there not an element of propaganda, the German's trying to show what suprente filaman beings they were? "We used to do it just for fun," she says. "It wasn't political. We were not dedicated. It was natural to ski here. We didn't take much notice of the army and the flags. I didn't even understand what the Olympics were. I didn't realise my achievement."

But Hitler did. He had plans for the alpine skiers, exploiting them as the embodiment of racial as the embournem of racial superiority. He invited Kathe and Carsil Cranz, the first German women to win Olympic medals, for damer in Berlin at the chancellery. Just the three of them. I cannot help wondering if Kathe and Christl were candidates for recruitment to his scheme for genetic engineering. I imagine an

inquisitorial doctor standing out-

Frau Grasegger is embarrassed by the recollection. It is no longer possible for a German to remember meeting Hitler with equanimity. "I was only 18. I didn't know what it was all about. I should have done, but I didn't. I don't like to talk about it now," she says.

ne of the British skiers. Helen Blane, be-friended her and they still write to each other today. In the Garmisch-Partenkirchen Ski Chub there is a picture of Helen Blane elbowing aside a New Zealand competitor. Now Helen Tornkinson, she remembers the German girls as the top team. Mrs Tomkinson went on to cap-tain her team and represent Britain on the Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS) and MBE for services to skiing and became one of only three women to be made honorary members of the FIS.

In 1936 there was heated debate in the British team about how they should parade past Hitler. In the end they decided to adopt the formal Olympic salute with the right arm flung out to one side like a Morris Minor indicator. "When we went past the Germans were dous-ovation."- Mrs Tomkinson

says. They misinterpreted it as a

nazi salute. Those who spoke German were looking forward to hearing Hitler speak. "We were very excited. expecting some fiery rhetoric. But in the event all he said was, 'I declare the fourth Winter Olympic Games open'. It was a great disappointment."

Frau Grasegger married in 1939 and competed in one more international race in 1941. "Caro Cranz, Christl's brother, took the gold medal. He died a few months later on the Russian front. After the war, all my good friends were dead or missing. It wasn't the same," she says.
In 1936, surrounded by the

apparatus of war, it was still possible to be carefree and lighthearted on skis. In 1992, Hitler is deadly serious business

Frau Grasegger will be following the Albertville Olympics closely on television. She does not think much of Britain's chances of a medal. "Now it's faster - but easier. Everyone is professional and they do nothing but ski. We were more idealistic in the past." She agrees with Sir Arnold Lunn that the pre-war period was the golden age of skiing: "In those days there was no money and sport was simply sport."

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hen Palmerston was discovered to have been having an affair with a vicar's wife, Disraeli's preoccupation, so the legend goes, was that the news should not get out - it had been offered to him for use as a "smear" - lest admiration of Palmerston's prowess (he was well into his

seventies at the time) had the Whigs sweeping the country. Last week, Paddy Ashdown handled his problem with dignity and honesty and my first reaction, now confirmed

by an opinion poll, was that his stock would go up. The awful truth is, though, that Mr Ashdown probably had no choice since he was effectively forced into speaking out by unscrupulous 'news" papers. So my subsequent reactions were of sadness, and then outrage. Predictably, the tabloids have had a field day on the subject and even the heavies have written pontificating leaders.

Whatever justification can there be for this habit of the press of intruding into public igures' private lives? Or must they be forgiven if an anonymous envelope arrives on their desks containing incriminating photographs or even a stolen document? After all, isn't it their job to probe public figures? And isn't that par for the course for their

These are important questions, on which I have my views and can see arguments both ways, having once been a journalist. Others will debate them but my main purpose here is to give pause for thought on what it is like to be a press "victim".

To have the press on your trail is no joke. Some of the questions I've had hurled at me over the years I've been a politician's wife, usually at times carefully calculated to

Therese Lawson gives a personal: view of politicians, rights to private

throw, one off guard, have been unityliciably intrusive and upsetting of have observed that it is tisually female journalists who get the job of asiding the nasty, personal questions draw what conclu-I don't mind admitting

that I have slied more tears over press behaviour than over most other difficulties in my life — and not just over things the papers have print-ed. It is just as much their bizarre actions: following you as you go about your everyday business (being quizzed while shopping for food springs to mind), pointing a zoom lens at your bedroom and then showing on television what time you drew your curtains back that morning, calling unexpectedly at the kitchen door with appallingly impertinent questions, tape recorder and a camera whirring: questioning neighbours and friends. And they will stop at nothing: in one instance I encountered a press man. posing as a house viewer. It. makes one wary, at best.

If by chance you are vuinerable, as I was when I was involved in an unfortunate mishap when a reversing bus ran into my stationary car. and I was found to be minimally over the legal alcohol level, then press attention becomes unbearable. Your misery is multiplied severalfold for being pored over in public. The humiliation can be cruel.

wasn't even a public figure in the proper sense merely my husband's wife. A politician is a public, elected, figure and puts himself up for his views and policies. The

issues he arondunces on should disperty be obening paobing, And again, speaking from education of a promise of such scrining of a promise of such scrining of a promise of politician. Why, though, the leap to the notion foat the scrining may legithately be gansferred to his private the A politician's private life is surely precisely that. By and large, his competence at his job is not going to be undernamed his competence at his job, is not going to be undernimed more by one kind of private activity than another. Only if he decides to flaunt his private life is a politician asking for that, to become public and the idea that politicians should be less frail in their condict at home than anyone else is intralistic. Why should else is untealistic. Why should

Speaking for myself, I would feel uncomfortable if our legislators were all so rarefied as to be competence for office. This is unaware from personal experience of less-than perfect human behaviour. Would his don't see to if themselves, a pattent think it right that see to if themselves, a pattent think it right that see to if themselves, a pattent think it right that see to if themselves, a pattent think it right that see to if themselves. If there were who smooth no should be made to the light and the second part of the second p one who smoked, too, should be publicly pilloried?

If anybody is required to be impeccable in this life, if should be those journalists who poke around and some times even pay for salacious details of others' private lives. and who then sit in sanctimonious judgment with their pontifications. Whise still, on occasions when lifey do not even bother to be sure of their acturacy, they femain pre-pared to cause huge damage. Apologising in an obscure bit of their publications is of scant use, and dreadfully of individuals in priva-tion individuals, including iditiciant who do count as copie, they do bleed. What-ter happened to the code of anduct.

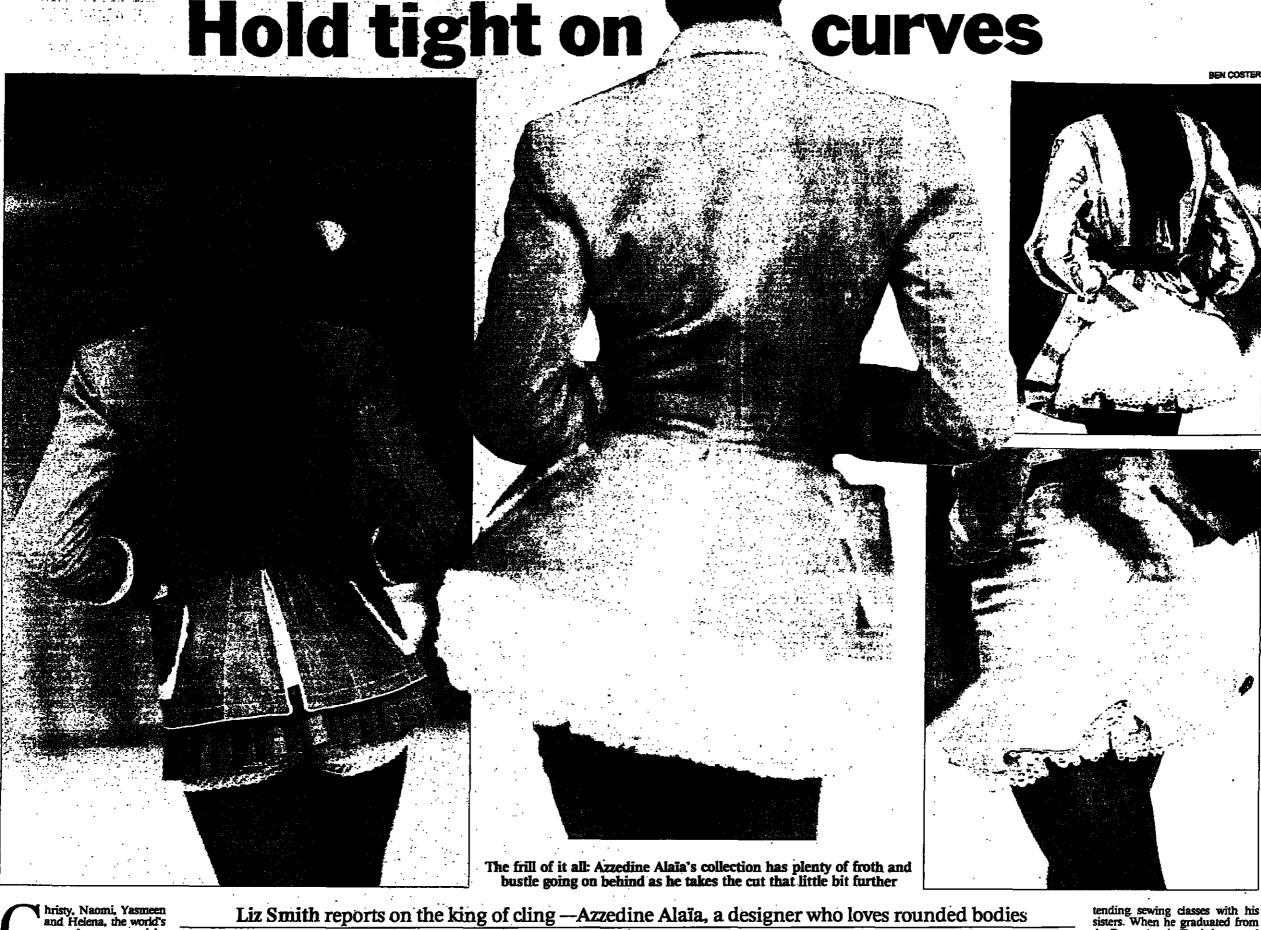
Never should disregard for Never should disregard for the wind process of information; that meeting serves to discredit the wind charents of freedom and information. And it is worth asking that freedom there is for the unfortunates under attack. attack: I am sure that most decent people know when intrusion is over the top: look at how intolerable we find American inquisitions of polnical candidates. But look, too, at how the

television ratings have soared when those inquisitions have been streened. So long as enough people buy and read what is regrettably permitted to be printed by scandal sheets we have not voted with our feet. A big step is now needed that is to refuse to supply the market for gossip that is unrelated to a person's no market, the kiss-and-tell boys and girls would be out of ousiness, and so would the

new type of thief who apparently goes for documents. Having been there myself, and having friends in politics who have been crucified by press persecution - by no means always because they have behaved badly - I am amazed that new recruits to politics remain keen, prepared to suffer the conse-quences of a human trailty being the target of a bunch of callous hypocrites. Beware of being interesting to the press.



Outrage: Therese Lawson was hounded after an accident



hristy, Naomi, Yasmee and Helena, the world's smoulder for the banks of photog-raphers facing them at the end of the catwalk at the Azzedine Alala show in Paris. Their lips, glossed uniformly with St Tropez Sand by Revion, part. Bosoms rise out of low-scooped jackets, seamed and engineered to do the job of underwired balcon bras. Gingerly - because they are balanced precariously on four-inch high wedge cork soles that give little support to heels or toes — the girls turn and a frenzied clatter from the cameras

means that something just as

interesting is going on derrière.

M Alaia, the designer who regularly gets the prize for taking cut and cling one centimetre closer

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Liz Smith reports on the king of cling —Azzedine Alaïa, a designer who loves rounded bodies

spiral around hips before breaking into a twirl of bias gores that flip out with perky white frills at mid-

To show to best advantage the bunny-girl bustles of frothy white broderie anglaise that underpinhis latest line, tails of jackets and shirts in Regency striped cottons button back, in the style of the 18th century.

"Les petites marquises," M Alaïa says before the show as he tightens a red leather pinked-edge corselet on the top model. Helena Christensen, and moves on to snip to the correct length the black laces on a black and white long dress with slashed sides. "They

can go into the streets and off on glossy patent trenchcoats and latest hourglass skirt is seamed to their motorbikes dressed as if for a matt stretchy knitted separates set ball, in lace with leather. It is Mme Pompadour in shorts."

The models forgive M Alala the crippling mules. They would breathe in all day to be tightly laced into waspie belts made of leather punched to look like lace. They have turned down the thousands of pounds they might otherwise have earned that day in studios in New York and Milan for the pleasure of parading his new collection for summer. These curvy jackets, lacy shorts, and undulating sweater dresses will be their new uniforms, since M Alaia pays them in clothes not cash. Just as Alaïa's matt, moulded

and zipped jackets and skirts,

the trend for variations of his body-conscious style in every high street, versions of Alaïa's broderic ruffled skirts and close-fitted drill jackets will filter into mainstream fashion before long.

hether he realises it or not, the inspiration for his latest fitand-froth line seems to come as much from his friend, Vivienne Westwood, the trendsetting British designer, as from

the 18th century.
Tight skirts with fluted hems stiffened with ruffles, flyaway shirtdresses, and jackets with handkerchief hems have all been

M Alaïa is not the only Paris designer finding inspiration in Ms Westwood's ideas. Chanel's new jacket, designed by Kari Lagerfeld, is so closely fitted to the body that it is closed not with the line of gilt buttons that still trims the front, but with a zip up the back. Expertly cut and executed, it takes fashion forward another decade, but shown with teetening platform shoes, ratty hairdos and handkerchief hems, it is clearly

Vestwood-inspired. When the models arrived for the Alaīa show in Paris last week and flopped into chairs to have make-up applied and false hair pieces pinned to their heads, they un-

wrapped their mock leopard shawl-collared coats and military greatcoats in curly fake broadtail to reveal glossy bottle green or aubergine skintight catsuits or shaggy chenille tunics - all Alaïa. and the model-girl's off-duty win-ter uniform. Yasmin le Bon, model and wife of Simon le Bon, had turned up in sleek Alaīa chic — a black suit with single-breasted jacket nipping in and out at all the right places and a mid-calf length skirt that looks modern and slinky.

"His cut is so clever. It makes you stand well. A pair of tights, ankle boots and a suit - and you feel finished," she says.

M Alaïa learnt his dressmaking

skills from his grandmother in

Tunis, where he insisted on at-

the Beaux Arts in Tunis he moved to Paris where he lived as guest and baby-sitter for the Comtesse de Blegiers, while building up a discreet clientele of his hostess's friends. He has dressed Garbo and a string of Rothschilds, Picassos and Niarchoses as well as Madonna and Tina Turner in his apparently seamless, lace-encrusted, draped evening dresses and racily-fitted, zippered leather jackets and skintight skirts. "I think women should look

coquettish and sexy always," he says. "Women can be daring, stop men in their tracks. All that matters is the way a woman wears her dothes, with an inner elegance. I love rounded bodies. It is the curves that give clothes their

Exhibiting a feel for the times

How sticking to Queensberry rules can pay off for the commercial designer

The Queensberry Hunt has nothing to do with boxing or bloodsports - it is an almost wilfully lowprofile design consultancy. The company specialises largely in extremely recognisable tableware which, during its 25-year history, has become one of Britain's few runaway success stories. And, rarer still, a healthy proportion of the group's output is manufactured in this country.

Public awareness of the group's designs is about to be raised by a retrospective exhibition at the Victoria & Albert museum, where their uncompromisingly 1960s-style straight-sided striped coffee pots and side-handled soup bowls (still in production)

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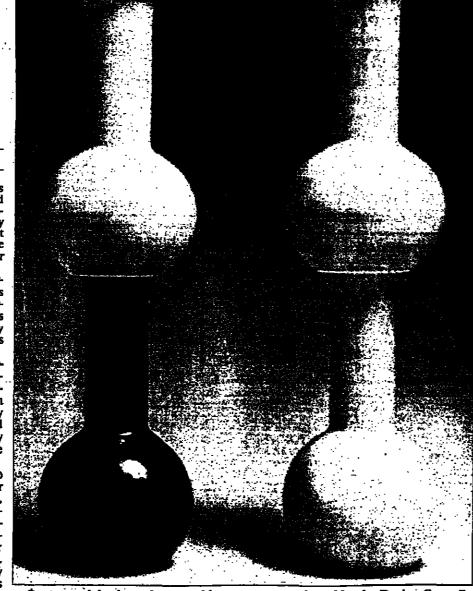
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sified into such fields as sanitary ware and even personal telephones, while its older designs still sell strongly abroad as well as in this COUNTRY. Good design and commer-

cial viability became a guid-ing principle of the partnership when it was formed in 1966 by David Queensberry - the 12th Marquess - and Martin Hunt, when they were both teaching at the Royal College of Art.

Lord Queensberry, who had been appointed professor of ceramics at the age of 29, was already successfully marketing his unashamedly "contemporary" designs to manufacturers such as Midwinter and Crown Staffordshire. The result was some fairly forgettable bowls and mugs strongly influenced by Fornasetti and kinetic art.

He really came into his own in 1963, with a range of tableware called "Fine", the lean lines and slender but generous handles capturing perfectly the feel of the times. Terence Conran's newly launched Habitat did a roaring trade with Fine, and Queensberry eagerly promot-



Controversial colour: these stacking vases were rejected by the Design Council

ed his designs elsewhere. "If David had come from an East End background rather than the nobility, he would have been a very successful 'fixer'. He's got a real market-trade streak in him, something I have always liked and admired," says Sir Terence Conran - himself an adept at gauging the market. Sometimes Lord Queensberry's enthusiasm for innovation proved to be beyond the technology available: in 1965, he produced a range of revolutionary oven-to-tableware with a non-stick lining. However, the lining - called "Fluon" - exhibited an

alarming tendency to peel away, prompting the following telex from a disenchanted wholesaler: "Fluon stock flewoff." The range was not a

Mr Hunt's early designs were strongly influenced by traditional Japanese porcelain and the studio pottery of

Lucy Rie. The partnership fused seamlessly the elegance of his work with the practicality and wit of Lord Queensberry's designs, and soon awards were coming in for products as diverse as Hornsea ovenware, table lighters for Rosenthal, and bulbous glass and plastic lamps for Habitat. A range of beautiful vases for Poole Pottery was rejected by the Design Council, however, on the grounds that the colours were too controversial"; this was discovered to mean that the vases were neither black nor white.

espite the occasional lapse into mere repro or downright whimsy the work of Queensberry Hunt has been consistently understated.

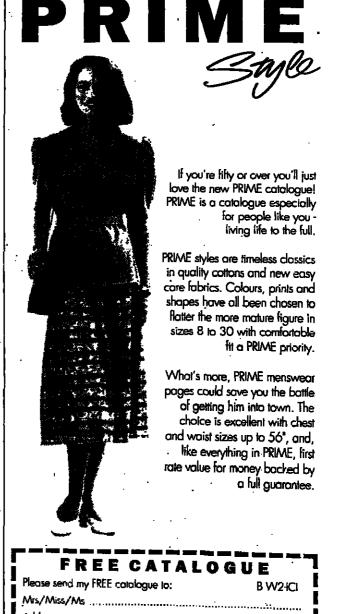
This is exemplified by the group's recent diversification into baths and basins for Ideal Standard. Their brief was to bring in the finest shapes at the lowest cost: as a result, the "Studio" range threatens to outsell products costing five times as much.

The group has also tackled cutlery and some neat and futuristic telephones for British Telecom but, despite its track record it still finds it immensely difficult to make manufacturers accept that the consultancy can design, say, a camera, when it has never done so before.

But ultimately, the designs must sell: even the purest idea will be rejected unless it can be manufactured and sold in sufficient quantities, and oneoff craft work is out. As Lord Queensberry says: "I never wanted to be arty-crafty. Why spend your life making by hand what a machine can do so much better?"

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• Queensberry Hunt: Creativity and Industry is at the Victoria & Albert museum until May I. The book of the same title, by Susannah Walker, is published by Fourth Estate (£16.95).



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Plants blow last post for pests

A group of common European flowering plants called the bugles and an Indian lilac may hold the key to environmentally safe agriculture, Nick Nuttall reports

tiny plant with flowers shaped like a brass musical instrument could hold the key to the environmentally safe control of garden and agricultural pests.

Scientists at the Jodrell Laboratory in Kew Gardens, west London, have discovered a compound in a group of common European flowering plants called the bugles, which seems to act as a powerful natural insecticide.

Tests indicate that the compound, which is found in the leaves and roots, works in two ways to leave pests weak, infertile and vunerable to natural predators, such as birds.

The compound stops the insect feeding, possibly by tricking its brain into believing it is full. The substance can also damage an insect's ability to develop normally, possibly by interfering with the hormones that control growth and

The scientists were directed towards the bugles by nature itself, says Monique Simmonds. an entomologist at the laboratory.

Observations had shown that bugles (Ajuga) appear to have fewer insects crawling and feeding on them than most other species of

Dr Simmonds says: "This is one of the advantages of Kew. Because you have a huge diversity of plants you can get the insects to do some of the selecting for you."

The technique has also led to the

team discovering potential insecti-cides in Scutellaria, which includes plants commonly known as the skullcap and lesser skullcap. Like the bugles, these plants

appear to produce an anti-feedant that also interferes with insect

Other exciting possibilities involve the aloes, of which the most familiar is Aloe vera. The researchers are basing their studies on the wealth of African and southern Arabian folklore that mentions aloes. Tom Reynolds, a biochemist at

the laboratory, says: "There are about 300 species, some of which are very rare and grow in remote regions, and many of them are said by native practitioners to have medicinal properties. We believe there must be something in it" The Kew research is part of a global effort to return to nature to discover a new generation of agrochemicals and pharmaceuticals, as well as fibre-based materials and fuels.

In recent years teams of scientists have been descending on the tropical rain forests to learn the secrets of native shamans and tribesmen while searching for plant-based cures for diseases, including Aids, cancer, herpes and the common cold.

The research might also help preserve the forests and the peoples that live in them by making it economic to establish conservation programmes. In Costa Rica, for example, the government has established the non-profit National Institute for Biodiversity, which is training local people to

rug companies such as Merck of America are paying the institute \$1 million to help pay for the training, the collection of suitable plants and conservation work. In return, Merck gets the rights to study the plants and will pay royalties to the institute for any products that result.

Such plant-based research is already bearing fruit, not in the tropical rainforest but in India.

There, Rohm & Hass, the big American chemical company, is planning to build a factory to exploit what is possibly one of the most promising plants in the

The neem tree or Indian lilac, Azadirachta indica, a relative of the mahogany, which grows in India and the Caribbean, has been used by local people for centuries for various purposes. The leaves of the tree, which

grows rapidly to about 90 ft. contain a substance called azadirachtin, which, like the compound found in the bugle plants, inhibits feeding and growth in more than 150 species of insects, including locusts, which avoid feeding on the leaves.

Neem leaves and seeds have also be used for centuries as a painkiller and for treating psoriasis, warts and body parasites. Oil from



the seeds can also be made into a lubricant and a soap, sometimes used for repelling mosquitoes.

The tree's bark seems to contain compound that kills bacteria. and sticks of bark are used by local people to clean their teeth. Another American company,

W.R. Grace, has recently introduced an insecticide called Margasan-O, based on neem extract, for spraying on ornamental plants. Another, more concentrated version is awaiting US Food and Drug Administration approval for agricultural use. These applications have even

been given the blessing of one of America's most respected scientific bodies. The National Research Council, part of the National Academy of Science in Washing-ton DC, last week published a report calling for more research into the neem and improved ways of extracting its tantalising compounds.

The report says: "If the neem

lives up to its early promise, it will help to control many of the world's pests and diseases as well as reduce erosion, desertification, deforestation and perhaps even slow the rate of increase in population." Neem is also said to kill sperm and reduce male fertility.

In Britain, the potential benefits of the neem have not gone unnoticed. The active ingredient, azadirachtin, claimed to be one of the most complicated and exotic chemicals known, was first isolated by David Morgan and John Butterworth at Keele University, Staffordshire, in 1968.

At Imperial College, London, a team led by Steven Ley, professor

of organic chemistry, is trying to synthesise versions of the neem's active compound. The team is working at Kew with Dr Simmonds, who is testing the compounds on insects to discover the neurological receptors that are timulated by neem pesticide.

The goal is not only to under-

compound works but to make a range of pesticides based on modified fragments of the azadirachtin molecule which will be cheap to produce and more selective against insects, while still remaining harmless to the

ive years ago, Professor Ley's team managed to work out azadirachtin's bewildering structure. Last year, the scientists an-nounced they had synthesised the two halves of the molecule. The team has also discovered that it is the right-hand portion that has potent anti-feedant effects.

An attempt is now being made, says Professor Ley, to synthesise the whole molecule, as well as derivatives "that will have improved properties, such as stability. in the sunlight and the soil, and will allow more potent compounds to be used in smaller quantities."

However, the British researchers are worried because, unlike in the United States, funding for their world-beating research is woefully low and their lead could be lost. Dr Simmonds says: "British

chemical and pharmaceutical companies are really on the sidelines with this kind of research. "We are invited to go and talk about what we are doing, but for some time we have had little

Her concerns are echoed by Professor Ley, who says: "We are getting some funding from the Science and Engineering Research Council, but it is amazing how short-sighted some of the other research councils can be". Professor Ley maintains that all that is needed is four or more science staff to propel the research forward. He adds: "Despite our world lead, we are still unable to make this research into a great UK success."

Moon oxygen

Japanese and American engineers say they have built equipment to supply oxygen to Moon semiements. The engineers used a KC-135 plane to simulate low gravity and sand similar to that on the Moon as one of the raw materials to show that oxygen needed for a breathable atmosphere or for use as fuel could be produced on the Moon. Last October engineers produced water by causing a reaction between sand brought from the Moon and hydrogen.

in memory

English Heritage has placed a blue plaque on Donovan Court in Drayton Gardens, Fulham, west London, where the scientist Rosalind Franklin lived between 1951 and her death in

Dr Franklin took the x-ray photographs of DNA from which its double-helix structure was deduced.

Boycott call

Two Nottingham University physicists, Peter Main and Brian Gallagher, have urged scientists to boycott a confer-ence in Peking in August. Attendance at the meeting, an important interna-tional event for semiconductor physicists, would be used by the Chinese

their regime had world support, the two researchers argue in Physics World. They say Chinese physicists who supported the democracy movement are still in jail.

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As they step forward to receive their awards, the head teachers and professors must marvel at their good fortune. The Jerwood Award is the biggest prize of its kind, and more cash than the average teacher can begin to

But only three years after it was founded, the Jerwood Award is in trouble. Hardly anyone knows about it. The prize has manifestly failed to make education more exciting. Britain's most presti-

come a victim of the very apathy it was meant to challenge.

The prize, which has so far been won by three schools, two educationists and one large scheme, was the brainchild of John Jerwood, a British-educated businessman who made a fortune trading in cultured pearls in the Far East.

Jerwood, who died last year, felt that, in comparison with Japan, education is held in low esteem in Britain. He conceived of an annual award for innovation, achievement and excellence in British education, to raise the status of education and boost teachers'

Since its launch in 1989, however, the reality of the prize has been somewhat different. The first award, of £100,000 to the Nat-

A glittering scheme to boost teachers' morale has been ignored by too many for too long, Michael Durham says

ional Curriculum Award — a biannual charitable scheme to support good practice in schools offered a clue to the kind of reception Jerwood's idea could expect in Britain.

The success of the curriculum scheme was largely ignored by the British media, which devoted most of its attention to the runner-up, a Roman Catholic girls' school in the Falls Road area of Belfast, which received £50,000. Bombs and bullets made headlines, but a

serious educational issue did not The award has since been given to an inner-city comprehensive in London, an infants school in Reading, a schools' technology pioneer, and a professor of education. But it has never, in the organisers' view, received the serious attention it deserves.

Few teachers, and even fewer members of the public, have heard of the prize. Fewer than 400 entries are made each year, a disappointing figure in view of the 25.000 schools and 450,000 teachers who might be expected to be queuing up for the money.

The Jerwood Foundation, Leichtenstein-based charity which funds the prize, is now reviewing its options. Although it is unlikely to abandon it altogether, changes

are likely which will make the award more newsworthy, while still keeping to its original spirit. The prize money could be reduced. Alan Grieve, the foundation's chairman, says: "A lot of

people have suggested that a prize of £100,000 or £150,000 is too large. Perhaps we could achieve more by having a larger number of smaller prizes." In future the award is also likely to be made to individual "gifted

teachers", and each year a different theme or subject might be set. So far, individual star performers have not been rewarded.

The change will alter Jerwood's

original plan but not, says Grieve, and the winners will be an his intentions. "John wanted to nounced in July. find the kind of person who was not just a star performer, but the one who was throwing a stone into the pond - making waves, having a wider effect. We shall probably have to review that in the light of

"But the problem remains how do you find the gifted teacher? We can only go on the names that are forwarded to us. The number of applications is not very satisfactory. It is surprising that there are

changed circumstances.

not many more."

Despite the disappointment, there are signs that the Jerwood Award may be overcoming its initial problems. This year, in the first month of submissions, 230 applications have been received

Professor John Tomlinson, one of the judges — others include Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, Baroness Blackstone and Sir Philip Harris - blames an anti-educational culture and the media for the failure of the scheme so far.

A handful of teachers and educational theorists can walk a few inches taller - and significantly richer - as a result of John Jerwood's extraordinary awards. But it looks as if it could take a long time to achieve his vision of a Nobel prize for Education.

● Application forms for the 1992 award: the Jerwood Award, 34 John Street, London WCIN 2EU. Schools.



Partnership in action: Richard Pring, of Oxford University, at the Cherwell School State has rightly been con-

Five out of ten for Clarke

xford University and Oxfordshire should be delighted about Kenneth Clarke's plans to base schools. The university and the county education authority are already joined in a working partnership to do just this. Why is their re-

sponse far from enthusiastic? The secondary headteachers, with whom the university works, feel apprehensive, sometimes angry, at what the education secretary is suggesting, even though his proposals seem at first glance to be so much in tune with their policy and practice and even though Oxford's internship scheme has been cited so often by ministers as an example of what should be

Mr Clarke rightly links quality in teaching to quality in professional preparation (although, of course, many other factors might affect that quality). Thus, if teachers do not acquire in training the variety of skills they need, then they may never acquire them. If teachers acquire in initial training an inappropriate set of values and beliefs, then their perception of their professional task might be distorted for ever. Witness the recent attacks on the Plowden report and its baleon a generation of teachers. Therefore, the Secretary of A genuine partnership in teacher training cannot be created on the orders of Whitehall mandarins

cerned about the quality of teacher-training.

Mr Clarke made the following points: that training should be more school-based than he thinks it is (and he specified 80 per cent of the postgraduate course to be school-based); that schools should be selected for this purpose according to criteria agreed by the Secretary of State, these schools to

include independent ones; that experienced teachers should be chosen within the schools to act as mentors in the supervision of the trainees: that there should be a closer partnership between school and university or college,

in which the colleges would take the lead; that there should be a re-allocation of funds to reflect this change of balance; and that training should be much more prac-

All this seems so perfectly sensible that it is difficult to know why anybody outside higher education establishments of teacher training should take explanation) exception to it. Indeed, if there were to be a General

Teaching Council, as is now strongly supported, then the teaching profession would (quite rightly) be wanting to influence the entrance requirements for training and

its content and outcomes. The headteachers, the local authority and the university department are apprehensive and annoyed because that partnership, which is talked

It is difficult to know why anybody outside teacher training should take exception

> about so glibly by ministers, already exists in Oxfordshire. The university's Department of Educational Studies prepares 190 students a year for teaching. Each is selected by interviews with teachers as well as members of the department; the interns, as the students are called, are placed throughout the year in 20 comprehensive schools (roughly ten interns per students there is a member of tudents there is a member of closely supervised and sup-ne school staff as a mentor. ported and only gradually Each university tutor is initiated into the complex the school staff as a mentor.

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teach interns each week; the university subject tutors, in addition, support the mentors, and the interns within their subjects, in several schools: the mentors work

helping to plan and implement the course; all share in the "profiling" of students as they discuss their progress.

The cost to the LEA is approximately £1,000

regularly in the university

per intern. The heads and schools want the scheme and are anxious to support it for several reasons. First, the profes-

sional development of

the teachers through the role of mentor is an important part of their inservice training. Second, the scheme provides a valuable networking of subject teachers in schools and professional tutors in the university, in what is an increasingly fragmented service. Third, the schools value the continued link with a university department whose academic work and research feed directly into that pracFebruary making a very positive contribution to their

The scheme, however, does depend upon a real partnership between university and schools - one in which there are shared values, shared interest in research, shared selection of schools and departments and mentors within those schools, and shared development of that theoretical perspective of teaching which is the mark of the professional.

None of this can be created at the fiat of a secretary of state. Nor can the rules of partnership and selection of schools be determined by mandarins far removed from the local scene.

For effort and aim, the Secretary of State has been assessed at level eight by the Oxford scheme, but for understanding and detail only at level five. He has been over-influenced by those who see university departments, such as that at Oxford, to be having a dubious influence over the next generation of teachers through the promotion of "dogmatic ortho-doxies". He can be assured that, where there is real partnership, the teachers are too canny to let that happen.

RICHARD PRING

● The author is Professor of Educational Studies. Oxford

Bringing ministers to book

WRITING in the Bookseller recently. Richard Hoggart argued that the challenge to Britain at the approach of the 21st century was the "disabling level of literacy in which most people are now

This level was insufficient to allow individuals to cope with the increasing complexity of industrial life, and "inadequate in ways essential to a democracy"

There is a direct connection between what Dr Hoggart called a "congealed low level of literacy" and the shortage of books in schools, a shortage that has persisted so long, together with the low expectations that go with it, that many teachers have accepted it as a way of

The latest published figures, for 1989-90, show spending on books at £9 for a primary child and £13.50 for a secondary pupil. For many years, the Book Trust has published an analysis of costs and standards; it quotes figures of £15 and £25 as "reasonable", and £20 and £30 as "good".

Book Trust figures, and before them figures prepared by the National Book League and the Association of Education Committees, have been unofficial guidelines for many years.
Significantly, there are no official guidelines. Ministers who sound off about
low standards in primary schools
should take note; if they want higher standards of literacy, this is where to

School libraries are also inadequate. An HMI survey of 42 libraries in primary schools last year concluded that

impact on children's reading abilities of the presence of books that are dated. inappropriate, worn and grubby". Average spending was £2.85 a pupil, although "the average primary school

none had "very good provision". The inspectors commented on the

What price reading? More should be spent on books for schookhildren

library book costs £6.50". A reasonable figure would be nearer £5. Schools tell of shared books, books handed out for one class, then retrieved for another, and of increased photocopying. A book of your own is rare. Some parents can provide extra books at home. For many children, however, there is no such

parental backup.

How do the maintained schools compare with the independent schools? Spending on books and equipment for primary pupils in the state sector is £24 compared with £44. At secondary level, the margin is £70 for the maintained schools and £88 for the independent day schools.

Strict comparisons are of course difficult, but what is beyond doubt is that the attitudes and expectations in The national curriculum gives immediate urgency to the poverty of book

the two sectors are quite different. provision. The working groups that were set up to draft the new curriculum were not required to consider the

resource implications, but of course they could not help doing so; history, modern languages and geography all drew attention to the new demands

The government has taken a step in the right direction by making a special temporary allocation of £15 million a year. Though welcome, it is however

A careful examination of the main curriculum working party proposals by the Educational Publishers Council puts the cost at £150 million over five years. Well, publishers would say that, wouldn't they? Yet their reasoning has not been challenged. As more schools take control of their own budgets, they will be told they have the answer in their

Their freedom of action is, however. limited: they are at the receiving end of the budget cuts many authorities are now having to make. The trouble is that although books are essential for good learning, they are always at risk in the face of more immediately pressing

To campaign for more money for books looks at first sight like just another demand for more public spending. This is not so. As education spending exceeds the £25 billion mark, it would be quite simply ludicrous to argue that we cannot afford to provide enough books for all pupils and

The argument is about the need to put greater emphasis on books as a vehicle for learning for books as the element that grounds the national curriculum in an enabling level of literacy that is the antithesis of the picture drawn by Dr Hoggart.

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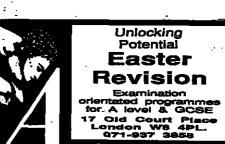
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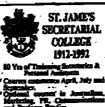
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The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by the Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster Family Practitioner

Committee (now a family health services authority) from the de-

cision of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice

Nourse and Lord Justice Balcombe) (The Times March 27,

990; [1990] 1 Med LR 328)

allowing an appeal from the order of Judge White, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division.

who had struck out a claim by Dr

Premananda Roy in respect of the committee's decision regarding

Mr Andrew Collins, QC and Mr Robert Francis for the committee, Mr Gavin Lightman, QC and Mr Michael Briggs for the

LORD BRIDGE, agreeing

with Lord Lowry, said that it was

appropriate that an issue which

review proceedings and not

But where a litigant asserted his

entitlement to a subsisting right

in private law the circumstance

that the existence and extent of

the private right asserted might

incidentally involve the examina-

tion of a public law issue could not

prevent the litigant from seeking

to establish his right by action commenced by writ or originat-

ing summons, any more than it

could prevent him from setting up

his private law right in proceed-

LORD LOWRY said that

regulation 24 of the National

Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services)

Regulations (SI 1974 No 160)

required the committee to cause payments to be made to Dr Roy

and other doctors in accordance

with a statement of fees and allowances published under the

The full rate of basic practice allowance was payable if, under paragraph 12.1 of the statement,

the doctor was "in the opinion of the ... committee devoting a substantial amount of time to

general practice under the NHS". The committee had formed the

opinion that Dr Roy was not

ings brought against him.

otherwise

his basic practice allowance.

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devoting a substantial amount of bundle of rights which should be time to general practice and reduced his basic practice alregarded as his individual private law rights against the committee. arising from statute and the regulations and including the wance by 20 per cent. Between 1979 and 1987 Dr Roy had been absent, for reasons connected with his family, sick-

ness or holidays, for periods ranging in total from 87 to 186 days in each year. On average Dr Roy had been absent for between one-third and one-half of each His absences had always been covered by the employment of a locum who, when Dr Roy was there, acted as his practice man-ager. There had been no com-plaints from individual patients concerning the service provided.

whether by Or Roy or by the Dr Roy challenged the commit-tee's decision on the ground that, through himself and his locum, he was devoting a substantial amount of time to general practice. There was, as well as the dispute about the practice allowance, another question in issue, namely the expense of employing ancillary staff.

Dr Roy commenced proceed-ings against the committee in the Queen's Bench Division. The committee applied by summons to strike out the parts of the statement of claim relating to the basic practice allowance. The judge expressed the view that the committee's decision was clearly a public law decision and, as such, was to be challenged only on judicial review: since Dr Roy, in

order to win, had to impugn a public law decision, to allow him depended exclusively on the exis-tence of a purely public law right should be determined in judicial to proceed by action would be to permit an abuse of process.

The Court of Appeal had held that Dr Roy had a contract for services, although not of service, with the committee and that his proper remedy was by action against the committee and not by judicial review of their decision.

His Lordship was not satisfied that there was a contract for services, but the actual or possible absence of a contract was not

Asserting private law right

important private law right to be paid for the work that he had done. If Dr Roy had any kind of private law right, even though not contractual, he could sue for its alleged breach. With regard to the rule in O'Reilly v Mackman ([1983] 2 AC 237) Mr Lightman had

argued in the alternative. The broad approach was that the rule did not apply generally against bringing actions to vindicate pribringing actions to vindicate pri-vate rights in all circumstances in which those actions involved a challenge to a public law act or decision but that it merely required the aggrieved person to proceed by judicial review only when private law rights were not

The narrow approach assumed that the rule applied generally to all proceedings in which public law acts or decisions were challenged, subject to some exceptions when private law rights were

involved.

His Lordship much preferred the broad approach, which was both traditionally orthodox and consistent with the principle enunciated in Pyx Granite Co Ltd v Ministry of Housing and Local Government (1960) AC 260, 286): "It is a principle... that the subject's recourse to her Maiesty's subject's recourse to her Majesty's courts for the determination of his rights is not to be excluded except by clear words as applied in Davy v Spelthorne Borough Council [1984] AC 262, 274] and in Wandsworth LBC v Winder [1985] AC 461, 510). It would also, if adopted, have the practical merit of getting rid of a procedural minefield

His Lordship was, however, content for the purpose of the appeal to adopt the narrow approach, which avoided the need to discuss the proper scope of the rule, a point which had not been argued before their Lordships

discussed only by academic Whichever approach adopted, the arguments for excluding the present case from the ambit of the rule or, in the

alternative, making an exception of it were similar and to his Lordship's mind convincing: 1 Dr Roy had either a contractual or a statutory private law right to remuneration in accordance with his statutory terms of service. 2 Although he sought to enforce performance of a public law duty under paragraph 12.1, his private law rights dominated the proceedings.

3 The type of claim and other claims for remuneration, although not the present claim, might involve disputed issues of

4 The order sought, for the payment of money due, could not be granted on judicial review. 5 The claim was joined with another claim which was fit to be brought in an action and had already been successfully

6 When individual rights were ciaimed, there should not be a need for leave or a special time limit, nor should the relief be

7 The action should be allowed to proceed unless it was plainly an abuse of process.

8 The authorities showed that the rule in O'Rellly v Mackman, assuming it to be a rule of general application, was subject to many exceptions based on the nature of the claim and on the undestrabiliny of erecting procedural barriers.
In conclusion, unless the procedure adopted by the moving party
was ill suited to dispose of the question at issue, there was much to be said in favour of the

proposition that a court having

jurisdiction ought to let a case be

heard rather than entertain a debate concerning the form of the proceedings.

Lord Emslie, Lord Griffiths and Lord Oliver agreed: Solicitors: Capsticks. Putney: Queen's Bench

Spring v Guardian Assur-

Before Judge Lever, QC [Judgment December 20] An insurance company was liable in damages to a former employee for making negligent misstatements in a reference, made under the Life Assurance and Unit Trust

Regulatory (Laurio) Rules, ao another insurance company. Judge Lever, QC, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Di-vision, so held in finding that the defendants. Guardian Assurance plc, Corinium Holdings Ltd, Corinium Morgage Services (Cirencester) Ltd and Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance plc, were liable in damages for negigent misstatement to the plaintiff, Graham Spring, for giving him a bad reference. Claims for malicious falsehood and breach of

contract failed. Mr Bernard Livesey, QC and Mr Witold Pawlak for the plaintiff; Mr David Eady, QC and Mr Gerard Clarke for the defendants. HIS LORDSHIP said that the

plaintiff had worked for the Corinium companies until they were taken over by Guardian Royal Exchange (GRE) when he was dismissed. He then at tempted to set up a business selling the insurance products of Scottish Amicable.

Both GRE and Scottish Amicable were governed by the Lautro Rules which in effect provided that references about the character of men who changed employ-ers within the insurance industry were mandatory.

In the event the reference given

by GRE of the plaintiff was so strikingly bad as to amount to the end of his insurance career. It was argued for the plaintiff that there was a duty to take reasonable care in the preparation and provision of references. Mr Eady replied that where the

Liability for reference

form of a reference, the applica-tion of the principles in Hedley ance plc and Others Byrne 8 Co Ltd v Heller and Parners Ltd [1964] AC 465) amounted to a novel and dan-gerous intrusion into a province of the law where they had no place to be: that of defamation and malicious falsehood.

Although economic loss was claimed, he submitted, the fact was that the case was based solely was that the alleged consequences of injury to reputation. It would be wrong in principle in what was a classic instance of qualified privilege to undermine the protection which the law afforded by introducing a common law duty of care which could give rise to liability for the communication of either true statements or untrue statements made honestly but

In his Lordship's judgment there was a relationship of proximity or neighbourhood. The giving of the reference was bound to have a direct and immediate effect upon the plaintiff and no. one else other than Scottish Amicable

The facts of the instant case were thus essentially different from those of Caparo Industries plcv Dickman [[1990] 2 AC 605). If it found proximity, the court had to consider whether it was fair, just or reasonable that the law should impose a duty of a given scope upon the one party for the benefit of another.

It seemed to his Lordship to be

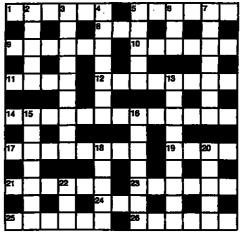
impossible in a situation in which the giving of a reference, good or bad, was not a matter of dis-cretion and where the con-sequences of a negligent misstatement were known to the potential author, namely that such a misstatement might well blight a man's entire career, not to say that it was only fair just and reasonable that the author of the reference should take all reasonable care to ensure that his. statement was not a misstatement. If, in that very specific case,

principle in the law of defamation that a malicious as opposed to a negligent mind was the only way to defeat a defence of qualified privilege, the answer was that that part of the claim was put in negligence and it was on the principles of law of negligence that the matter had to be decided.

been damaged by it, the person most injured by it could not? His Lordship was not persuaded that argument was wrong.

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decisive against Dr Roy. He had a and had hitherto been seriously Minor in care can be placed in hospital

Regina v Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council, Ex parte C (a Minor)

Before Mr Justice Kennedy Judgment February 61 A minor who was the subject of a care order could be admitted to a hospital for the mentally ill for assessment so long as the local authority had given a valid con-sent, without bringing into play the provisions of the Mental Health Act 1983.

Mr Justice Kennedy so held in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing an application for judicial review against decisions of the local authority (i) to place the applicant in a hospital for adults providing psychiatric or other treatment (ii) to refuse to give an assurance that the ap-plicant would not be placed in hospital on future occasions.

The girl, then aged 12, had been guilty of disruptive and uncooperative behaviour, including breaking windows, at her placement centre. The council had therefore arranged for her to see a consultant psychiatrist at the hospital, who was also treating other children at the centre.

He had told her that further misbehaviour would result in her being admitted to the hospital. She was later admitted Miss Elizabeth Lawson, QC and Mr Antony White for the

applicant; Mr Shaun Spencer.

QC and Miss Eleanor Hamilton for the local authority. MR JUSTICE KENNEDY said that section 1(1) of the 1983 Act seemed to suggest that the provisions of the 1983 Act never did apply if the peron admitted to a hospital for assessment turned

out not to be a mentally disordered patient. Just as in relation to a general hospital, any adult could lawfully agree to enter a mental hospits for assessment and if he or she did so the hospital authority was entitled to receive them and over a

period assess them without it being said that it had committed some unlawful act. The power in relation to a child

was no different save that there had to be valid consent. By the issue of the care order the local authority was able to and indeed bound to make proper arrangments for medical attention and was able to give any consent which would normally and properly be given by the parent of the child: see section 10

of the Child Care Act 1980.

in what it believed to be in the best interests of the child.

Solicitors: Ridley & Hall, Huddersfield; Mr Michael Vause, Huddersfield

All the local authority had to do

was to gather the information and then make a responsible decision

Would it not be unfair that while it was admitted that Scottish Amicable could have sued on negligent misstatement, had they

Solicitors: Ringrose Wharton & Co, Bristol; Clifford Chance.



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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax (10720) 6.30 Breakfast News (47267805) 9.05 Kitroy, Robert Kilioy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (4347132) 9.50 Hot Chafs. Anthony Womali Thompson begins his second week preparing crab blinks with posched eggs

and hollandaise, and a requette salad (5272010) 10.00 News, regional news and weather (6039923) 10.05 Playdays (r) (1892045) 10.25 Pingu (r) (6032010) 10.35 No Kidding: Family quiz game show (s) (5502381)

11.00 News, regional news and weather (7288316) 11.05 Olympic Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. Live coverage from Val d'Isere of the men's combined downhill (1911687)

12.00 News, regional news and weather (8823213) 12.05 Pebble Mill.

Music and chat presented by Judi Spiers (s) (9604381) 12.55
Regional News and weather (90268968) 1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (66836) 1.30 Neighbours

(Ceefax) (a) (60390229 1.50 Olympics '92. Helen Rollason introduces ice hockey in which Canada, silver medallists in the world champlonships, meet Switzerland, the United Team (formerly the Soviet Union) play Norway and Czechoslovakia challenge France (31060381)

3.50 Barney (1) (8867039) 3.55 Radio Roo. Episode six of the 13-part cornedy drama (s) (6039132) 4.10 Jackanory. Helena Bonham-Carter with the first of a five-part story, The Way to Sattin Shore, by

Royal Mail green issue stamps designed by four *Blue Peter* viewers. (Ceefax) (s) (5647132) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (443478). Northern Ireland: inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax

Weather (381) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (861). Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Wegen. The guests are John Harvey-Jones, Faith Popcom, described as a marketing guru, and Eddy Shah. Music is provided by Everything But the Girl (s) (3039)
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs magazine. This week's edition includes Bill Hanrahan reporting on how time-share dealers in Tenerife are turning their attentions to unlikely new markets (395)
8.00 May to December. Mild age-gap comedy sterring Anton Rodgers and Lesley Dunlop (r). (Caefax) (5687) and Lesley Duniop (r). (Ceefax) (5687)



An ingenious and intelligent villain: the coyote (8.30pm)

8.30 Wildlife on One: The Prankster.

 CHOICE: Familiar from dozens of cowboy films for its distinctive night time howl, the coyote continues to provoke strong reactions. For ranchers anxious about the safety of their sheep it is a predator that should be shot. For owners of domestic cats and dogs, the only good coyote is a dead one. In California in the early 1980s a coyote attacked and killed a three-year-old girl, though the child's mother beers no hatred. Wolfgang Bayer's film is not an apology for the coyote but it does try to strike a balance. It stresses the animal's intelligence and ingenuity, it points out that killing coyotes has done nothing to stop their spread and shows an experiment in Massachusetts in training them to be guard dogs, if you cannot shoot them, socialise them. The camerawork is of the usual high standard. The coyote may be a vilialin but it is very photogenic. Ceefax) (1294)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (9294)

norama: Bush's Domestic Storm. Fred Emery reports from Missouri and New Hampshire on the re-election prospects of President Bush (849497)

10.10 Cagney and Lacey. With Mary Beth on maternity leave Christine finds herself pertnered with an officer who is the periah of the department after shopping six colleagues (r). (Ceefax) (551861). Northern Ireland: 29 Bedford Street 11.00 Otympics '92, Highlights of today's ice hockey action, introduced by Helan Rollason (78213)

12.00 Advice Shop. Why don't disabled people have the same rights as everyone else? (r) (4073091)
12.20am Weather (7783140). Ends at 12.25

2.00 The Way Ahasd. The fourth of 12 programmes explaining April's new benefits for the disabled (3039072). Ends at 2.15

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: The Enlightenment - Freedom and Plenty (8597132). Ends at 7.10 8.00 Breekfast News (2561213) 8.15 Westminster (2551836)

8.38 Antiques at Home. Michael Newman visits George Farrow's Jersey home and collection of high quality French and Italian

Reneissance furniture (r) (61774) 9.00 Daytime on 2. Educational programmes 2.00 News and weather (10521125) followed by Storytime (74166942)

2.15 Regional Westminster Programmee (r) (762519). Norther Ireland: Harry and the Hendersons 2.45 Bitten By the Bug Professor Erik Holm continues his exploration of the insect world with a look at how some species camouflage themselves

3.00 News and weather (8900381) followed by Songs of Praise from the chapet of Trinity hospice and the Hoty Trinity Church, Clapham (r) (9435328)

3.40 I Could Do That. How Beth Chatto's hobby of gardening has turned into big business (7798126) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (7785010) 4.00 Catchword. Game for wordsmiths hosted by Paul Coia (8) (774)

4.30 Wildlife Gerns: Thry Tanks and Armound Animale. Fergus Keeling looks at animals with protective shells (r) (2445213) 4.55 Reviving Antiques. John FitzMaurice Mills with artists. Reviving Antiques. John FitzMaurice Mills with advice on cleaning eartherware (5648861)

5.00 Cricket. Highlights of the final day's play in the third Test between New Zealand and England in Wellington (7045) 5.30 Film 92 With Barry Norman. Among the film reviewed are Barton

Fink, For the Boys and Death in Brunswick (r) (710) pics Today introduced by Desmond Lynam. Highlights from 6.00 Olvn day three of the Winter Olympics (236107)



An operatic treat for the Queen baritone Thomas Alien (6.50pm)

6.50 Don Giovanni. CHOICE: Tonight's performance from Covent Garden is, as other things, a fortieth anniversary treat for the Queen who will be in the audience. Thanks to the television cameras you and I can share the evening, live and as it happens. The producer Johannes Scharf has had a mixed record at the Gerden since his superb Marriage of Figure, staging an ordinary Idomenee and an eccentric Cost fan tutti. This time he has the insurance of Bernard Heltink as conductor and a heavyweight international cast headed by Thomas Allen in the title role, Claudio Desderi as Leporallo and Carol Vaness as Donna Anna. Our critic, Paul Griffiths, found the production cold but powerful, There is a simultaneous broadcast with Radio 3. During the interval at around 8.30pm a half-hour feature, Long Live the Queen (9863), recalls events between the accession in February 1952 and the coronation the following year (75862107). (After interval 67496403)

10.45 Newshight presented by Jeremy Paymen (251872)
11.30 The Late Show. How Robert Maxwell made medimum use of the fibel laws (s) (694565) 11.55 Weather (748010)

12.00 Open University: Nitrate in Drinking Water (\$8324). Ends at 12.30em

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17. 18 6.00 TV-am (9570213)

10.00 The Time... The Place... John Stapleton chairs a discussion on a topical subject (\$469331).

10.40 This Morning: Family imagine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley Roday's edition includes news of new metriods of pain relief during childbirth (3053039).

12.10 Rosia and Jim. Children's puppet series (2752381).

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2.20 Thames Help. Jackie: Spreckley previews her week's programmes on voluntary workin the community (77512823) 2.50 Finalises. Soap linking the Sorth of England with Australia (4734677)
3.15 TRI-Neuris headlines (893958) 3.20 Thames News headlines (891771) 3.25 The Young Doctors (6323010)
3.55 Josie Shifti. Adventures of a little girl (8851478) 4.00 T-Bag and the Springers. Cartoon: (8832010) 4.50 Utterly Brilliant: Timms, Mallett Jeams how to falce better photographs and tries a new Cariera tries. Ceneral knowledge quiz game for tremagers, preschied by Bob Holness (6568871)
5.40 News: (Cestax) Weather (794229)
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Sprickley on voluntary work in the complinity (7 920478)
6.00 Homes news. (Oracle) (229)
7.00 Wash You Were Here. ? Juditis Chalmers is joined by David Bellant, to consource the winner of the Tourism for Tomorrow award for green tourist projects. Victoria Studd visits the tropleal rain forests of Costa Rica and makes a plea that travellers visiting

award for green tourist projects. Victoria Study visits the tropical rain forests of Costa Rica and makes a plea that travellers visiting the country should go as green tourists, and John Carter sample the Syllas city of Berne. (Chacle) (a) (8107) 7.30 Corollation Street. (Oracle) (b) (213)



A maverick MP. Penelope Keith with Mark Kingston (8.00pm) 8.00 No Job for a Lady. Last in the perceptive comedy series starring

Perielope Keith as a Labour MP not always content to toe the party perielope Keith as a Labour MP not always content to toe the party line. This week, she is campaigning against abuses in the lobby system of briefing journalists (Oracle) (s) (7855)

8.30 World In Action: The Cost of Living. A report on the provision of interesive care in the health service. The programme reveals that although more than 70 per cent of those allocated intensive care beds survive, other critically ill adults and children are being denied access to intensive care units because of cuts in staff and bads (2590).

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9.00 EL.D. Hy Brother's Keeper. Easy-going crime cornecty set on
the Costs; del Sol. Douglas (John Bird) and Rosie (Amenda
Redman) are liked to look after an English footbeller about to be lerred to a Spanish team. A seemingly easy task runs into

10.40 Film: Shamus (1973) starring Burt Reynolds and Dyan Cannon-rast-moving private eye caper with Reynolds hired to recover stolen districted and having to work his way through a collection of thugs, mugs, worker and policamen. Directed by Buzz Kulik (2973/223) (2973-229) THE Splittsworld Extra. Fighlights of the Dubal golf classic

1.30 First. The Fifth Miselle (1986) starting Robert Corred, Sam Waterson Richard Roundtree and David Soul Soggy underwater thriller about the crew of an under a starting on a secret mission.

who are under the impression that a third world war has started.

Directed by Larry Peace (7121)

3.30 Read the Whittelinit Episoid world by

Town during the 19th bedray (60489)

4.30 Stage 1. The bands (Name) and Levitation in concert (s)

(8492) 5.30 Feel Morning News (53879) Ends at 6.00

2.30 15 and Getting Straight (1985); Drame

about teenage drug addicts (90701) 4:30 Two Idiots. In Hollywood (1988): Corredy (2234817). Ends at 5.55

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

CHANNEL 4

8.00 Channel 4 Daily (9578855) 9.25 Schools (94782497) 12.00 Right to Reply. Includes a report on the success of the Channel 4 programme Gamemaster (r). (Teletext) (s) (67958)

12.30 Business Daily (13871)
1.50 Sesame Street. Early tearning series (18125)
2.00 Film: The Old Curiosity Shop (1934, b/w) starring Hay Petrie.
Elaine Benson and Ben Webster. A condensed but faithful version of Dickens's novel about a gambler and his granddaughter forced to self-shall about to the winterd moneylender Quilp and live a life of to sell their shop to the wicked moneylender Quilp and live a life of

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penury. Directed by Thomas Bentley (991039) 3.45 Air Post (b/w). A 1934 GPO film about its Croydon-based airmait service (6031590)

4.00 How Does Your Garden Grow? A visit to an oriental-influenced garden in Delkey, Co Dublin (r). (Teletext) (942)
4.30 Countdown. Another round of the words and numbers game. This afternoon questionmaster Richard Whiteley is joined by actress

Jan Harvey (s) (126) 5.00 The Late Show. Music and chal from Dublin (8720) 6.00 The Cosby Show. American domestic cornedy series (r) (519) 6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. With actor Michael Lerner and gay nghts demonstrators Derek Jarman, Jimmy Somerville and Sarah Graham (s) (671)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather (161229) 7.50 Comment (370519) 8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (5497)



Home game: Marilu Hermer, Burt Reynolds and kids (8.30pm)

Choice: Channel 4's latest comedy import from across the Atlantic features Burt Reynolds as a school football coach in small-town Arkansas. The team has not won for two-and-a-half years but that is the least of his troubles. His young wife (Marilu Henner) is that is the least of his troubles. His young wife (Marilu Henner) is not speaking to him after he is photographed with a stripper and his kide are in various stages of revolt. It is an emiable, folksy and sentimental plece, easily able to contain a running joke about vasectomy without a trace of offence. Not always comfortable in comedy roles, Reynolds affects an unblinking deadpan style that is often effective and there is delectable support from the Hollywood veterans Charles Durning and Hall Hollorook. More than

many American correcties Evening Shade establishes a coherent social setting, a tight-knit traditional community where "Blueberry Hill" plays on the jukebox and bad news travels last (s) (49749) 9.30 Priests of Passion. CHOICE: There is an untold story at the heart of the Roman

Catholic Church, says presenter David Rice, and the Pope is using all his power to suppress it. In the past 20 years, Rice claims, the church has lost a quarter of its priests, some 100,000, mostly because they have left to get married. Rice is one of them, a forme priest in Ireland, and he does not pretend to be a detached observer. He goes as far as saying that the survival of the church depends on ceitbacy being a free choice. His film goes to Germany, Brazil and the United States to hear from other priests who have kicked over the traces and to record their anger at what they regard as a hidebound and unforgiving church. As someone says, it is all right if a priest has an affair and stays in the job but if he leaves and marries it is a scandal. This is a robust and lively polemic which makes no bones about trying to balance the opposing views. (86687)

10.30 thirtysomething. Addictive American drama about a group of friends in their late thirties. (Teletext) (82671)

11.30 Global Image: Over our Dead Bodies. A feature-length version of a programme first shown in Channel 4's leabian and gay programme Out tracing the origins of the Aids activist movem in the US and UK (735279)

12.55em Tonight with Jonathan Ross (r) (s) (7795985)

1.25 Film: The Angelic Conversation (1985). Derek Jaman's Interpretation of 14 Shakespearlan sonnets read in various locations by Judi Dench (4392492). Ends at 2.50

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ANGLIA As London escapt: 2.20pm-2.50 Graham Kerr (77512823) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (480478) 10.40 Relationships (186854) 11.10-12.30 Bonnie and McCloud (\$27

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read by Shusha Guppy (1 of 10) (s) 11.00 I'm Sorry I'll Read That

Hatch and Jo Kendali (r)

Testay in Parliament National Theatre production of Tennessee Williams's The Night of the Igustus; and Colin Dexter, the creator of Inspector Morse, talks about 11.39 Today in Parlament 12.00-12.10am News. incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 World Service

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RADIO 5

About Britain: 6.15 Europa: Now 6.30 Morring
Edition 9.00 Schools Topic Resources 5-7; 3.15 History Resources, 9.35 Poetry Corner; 9.45
Let's Movel; 10.05 Respective voice 19.25 1.2, 3.4, 5 10.40 Johnnie Weijker with The AM
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RADIO 3

5.55am Westher; News Headlines
 7.00 Morning Concert: J.S. Bach
 (Brendenburg Concerto No 4
 in G, BWV 1049); Britten
 (Pretude and Fugue for string
 orchestra); Ireland, orch Bye
 (Hope the Homblower)

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News:

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Morning Concert (cont):
Lyadov (The Enchanted Lake);
Haydn (Surng Cuartet in B
flat, Op 71 No 1); Brahms
(Four Folk Songs: Sagt mir, O
schönste shaftm; Guten
Abend; Schwesterlein; Wie
Komm ich denn zur Tür
herein) Satte (I a Belle herein); Satle (La Belle excentrique)

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8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Janabek, Suite for Strings
(Prague CO under Oldrich
Vicek); Theme and Variations, Zdenka (Rudolf Firkusny, piano); Lachlan Dances (BRNQ State PO under Frantisek Jilek) 9.35 (berial: The first of two programmes from Spain and Portugal, Martin Codax (Three Cantigas de Amigo: Sintonye); Falla (El amor brugo: New York PO), Luvs de Narváez (Siete

diferencias on "Guardame las Vacas"), Francisco de Perfatosa (Sancta Mater: Hilbard Ensemble): trad, Arab-Andalusian (Inshed — Insiraf; Two Sephardic Romances — Two septramor; La madre de la novia); Antonio de Cabezón (Orierencias on the "Gallarda Milanesa"); Disego Ortiz (Recercada No 3, Trattado de glosas, 1553: Fretwork); Manuel Cardoso (Requiem: Tello Schalan) 11.35 The Dance of Death: In this

BBC Invitation Concert, the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Alexander Lazarev performs Honegger (Mouvement symphonique No 3, La Danse des morts — in à new English translation by Jeremy Sems; with the BBC Symphony Chorus); Honegger (Symphonie liturgique) 1.60pm News 1.05 BBC Lunchtime Cohoest:

Live from St John's, Smith Square, London. The planist Science, Lorson. This passes Boris Berman plays Mozart (Sonate in 8 flat, K 570); Brahms (Intermezzo in E flat, Op 117 No 1); Schnittke

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2.05 Third Opinion: Christopher Cook and guests review the Lucian Freud achibition at the

Cook and guests review the Lucian Fraud exhibition at the Tate Gallery in Liverpoot, and Tennessee Williams's The Night of the Iguans at the National Theatre in London 2.50 Scandinavian Music: BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Tadaski Otake performs Salinen (Fentare: Shadows — Prefude for Orchestra); Sandstrom (Alto Saxophone Concerto: John Edward Kelly); Sibelus (Symphony No 7 in C) (f)

3.55 Son and Nephew: Musiciens of the Royal Exchange perform F.X. Mozant (Plano Ouertet in G minor, Op 1), Rubin Goldmark (Plano Cuartet, Op 12) (r)
4.45 Franck Organ Music: In the first of few reorganning, first of four programmes, David Tritetington plays the Cavallè-Coli organ at St Etienne Abbey, Caen, and talks to Paul Spicer. Choral No 1 in E: Produce, Fugue and Varietine On 18:

Variation in Birminor, Op 18; Choral No 3 in Aminor 5.30 Mainly for Plan Anthony Burton 6.45 News

6.45 News
6.50 Don Giovanni: Live from the Royal Opera Housa, Covent Garden, London, in the presence of the Queen, to mark the fortieth anniversary of her accession. The Orchestra of the Royal Opera House and the Royal Opera House Chorus under Bermard Haitink perform Johannes Schaal's new production of Mozart's opera in two acts. Sung in Italian with English subtitles. With Thomas Alien bantone, as Don Giovanni, and Claudio Deader, bess, as Leporello. 8.30-9.00 During the Interval, Ivan Hewett discusses royal patronage of the arts (smultaneous

broadcast with BBC2)
10.50 British Pleno Music: The
planist Julian Jacobson plays
Chapple (Sonata — first broadcast) Tippett (Sonata No 2); Knussen (Sonya's Lullaby,

11.30 News 11.35-12.35em Composers of the Week: Schubert (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only)
(except in Scotland) (as Radio
5 at 9am)

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RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55em Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 8.30
Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55
Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport
8.35 The Week on 4 8.43 Noah's
Archive: In a recording from
the BBC sound archives,
Terence Bate, an RSPCA vet,
take about the unnatural

talks about the unnatura selection imposed on domestic animals by human fancy (2 of 3) 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 8.05 Start the Weak, with Melvyn

2.05 Start the Week, with Malvyn Bragg and guests (s)
10.00-10.30am The Year in Questing (FM only): Hunter Davisses chairs the knock-out news quiz between journalists from the Sunday Mirror and the News of the World
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only) from St Paul's Church, Birmingham
10.15 The Billed (LW only). The

only) from St Paul's Church, Simmingham 10.15 The Bible (LW only): The Book of Job. Joss Acidend reads the fourth of seven epsodes 10.30 Woman's Hour, presented by Jenn Murray, incl 11.00 News 11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4411, Lines open from 10am 11.30 Money Box Live: 071-530
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12.00 News; You and Youts, with
Debbie Thrower
12.25pm Counterpoint: Ned Sharin
chairs the musical quiz (s)
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World of One

1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Scattering Day; in
Patrick Carroli's play, two Irish
singers become intends, and
then enerues. With Adrian
Dunhar as Arthur and John Dunbar as Ardan and John

Keegan as Joe (s) (r)

3.30 On the Ropes; John
Humphrys talks to people who
have weathered storms in
their careers. In the first of four programmes he meets
Bruce Gyngell, chairmen of
TV-am, who lost his licence to
brosdcast
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidescope raviews the

4.45 Short Story: Wimpole's Woe, by Louis Golding. Reed by Hugh Dickson
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 Stx O'Clock News
6.30 Just a Minutal Nicholas
Parsons hosts the fast-taildely panel game (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programms (FM only), with Derek Cooper (r)
7.50-8.00 Theasure laisends (FM only). The American author Paul Zindel, author of The Pigman, tails to Julia
Eccleshare (r)
7.20 Westam's Hour (LW only) (r)
8.00 The Monday Play: Laura
Singer

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- C-HCCE: David Zane Meirowitz sets his standards so high that the advent of a new play by him generates both excitement and the fear that it will disappoint. Happily, Laura Singer is Mairowitz et full throttle. It is grim with Grimm resonances, and as in his The Statin Sonata, a 1989 Giles Cooper award winner, music takes over when the spoken wild is deprived of the power to communicate. The victimised woman this time is the repellent old farmer's young wife (Harnet

concert planist in The Statin
Sonata (s)
9.15 Wings and Landings: The
prison journels of John
Williams (2 of 5) (s)
9.30 Kateldoacope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight
(s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The
Blindfold Horse. Memories of a
Persian childhood, written and
read by Stustia Guppy (1 of

Again: Classic comedy from the 1970s with John Classe, Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graema Garden, Bill Oddie, David

his favourite opera (2) FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kl-tz/285m; 1089kl-tz/275m; FM-97-6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kl-tz/ 247m; FM-90.2-92.4. Radio 4: 199kl-tz/1515m; FM-92.494.5. Radio 5: 693kl-tz/433m; 909kl-tz/330m. LBC: 1528kl-tz/261m; FM-97.3. Capitat 1548kl-tz/194m; FM-95.8. GLP: 1458kl-tz/206m; FM-94.9; World Service: MW-648kl-tz/463m. SATELLITE

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FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Maddon: That Early Show 6.30 Bhm Hayes 6.30 Knn Bruce 11.30
Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Greign says Thanks for the Memory 7.30 Alan Dett with Dance Band Days, and at 6.00 Big Band Sre 8.30 Big Band Special 9.00 Hamphrey Lyttellon with The Best of Jazz on record. 10.00 Centon Ford 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Jazz Parada 12.35 Bit Remets with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Liftie Night Music

News, Sport 10.15 The Mo, and 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10em News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

Af-dines in GMT. 4.30am The Week Ahead

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Peak Review in German 5.00-Morganización

5.20 Tips für Touristen 5.24 News in German 6.30-Europe Today 5.59 Weether, 6.00 World

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